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PEKING CONTROL.

ALLIED TROOPS DEPOSE KUOMINCHUN.

SURRE NOT NECESSARY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 16.

Kuominchun members are streaming towards Peking from the direction of Tientsin.

It is understood that a general evacuation will be carried out tonight and the control of the capital be handed over to the Police acting in co-operation with a Citizens' Committee headed by Mr. Wang Shih-chun.

Panic-Stricken Refugees.

Peking, April 16.

The Kuominchun troops have evacuated the city.

The Chinese allied troops have taken over control.

The Kuominchun forces outside the city streamed in, demoralising the garrison, and the evacuation followed in trains, cars, carts and on foot.

The Nationalist commander gave the control to General Wang Shih-chun, who telegraphed to the allied leaders that there was no need to besiege the capital.

Present indications are that the Kuominchun will not halt before reaching Nankow pass, north of Peking, which is now threatened by a Manchurian column.

The Kuominchun troops fought fiercely at Pengtai until the afternoon, when they retreated.

General Wang fears the Manchurians will insist on entering the capital to-morrow.

Wa Pei-fu is not interfering.

The foreign quarter is crisscrossed with Chinese treasures. The hotels and foreign buildings are crowded with panic-stricken refugees.

Pan-Chi-jui has returned to the Legation quarter.

Nankow Pass Reached.

Peking, April 16.

The Kuominchun Nationalist Armies, after evacuating Peking, have reached Nankow Pass, leaving only a few stragglers but no guns or supplies.

Their retreat was followed by heavy fighting. Rain increased the difficulties of their withdrawal, which marked the second stage of the allied Chinese Generals' campaign.

Tuan's Mandate.

Tuan Chi-jui will issue his mandate to-morrow, saying that he is impelled to resume the responsibility of Chief Executive pending the reconstruction of the Administration, with which he will not interfere, and stating his readiness to retire immediately a responsible head of the Government is elected.

Allied Generals.

The Allied Generals are expected in Peking to-morrow to confer regarding the general situation.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin has not yet entered Peking, which is now quiet.

Stragglers Captured.

Peking, April 16.

Contrary to the general fear the Fengtien troops have so far not attempted to enter the city, where complete order is being maintained.

The main body of the Fengtien army is said to be remaining at Tientsin, but one regiment has been located outside Yungtingmen early this morning, and Fengtien cavalry detachments are patrolling the neighbourhood, rounding up Kuominchun stragglers, and party of whom were captured this morning near Puomachang.

As the result of excellent staff work virtually the whole Kuominchun troops had evacuated and left for Kalgan by four o'clock this morning, Tung Chi-tao, the commander of the Ninth Division, is acting as Garrison Commander with one brigade inside and one outside, which Wang Shih-chun's Committee of safety controls effectively.

An Earlier Message.

Hankow, April 14.

The conference at Headquarters last evening decided to treat with the Kuominchun under no other conditions than absolute unconditional surrender.

A telegram was subsequently received by Marshal Wu Pei-fu from Marshal Chang Tso-lin stating that General Lu Chung-lin's invitation was an endeavour by the Kuominchun to create bad blood between himself (Chang)

FOREST FIRES.

FAMOUS JAPANESE REPORT MENACED.

KOBE KILLS ABLAZE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, April 17.

Forest fires broke out on Wednesday and spread to all the hills around Kobe, including the famous resort of Rokkosoan.

More than 1,000 fire-fighters were mobilised, of which 200 men were injured.

There are 2,500 acres of forest already burned.

Tokyo, Later.

The fires were extinguished this morning.

Tokyo, April 9.

A big fire, now raging on Mount Akagi, Gunma prefecture, has already destroyed 2,500 acres of valuable forests. The fire is still spreading. "China Press."

SUMMONED BY KING.

PRIME MINISTER GOING TO WINDSOR.

TO DISCUSS COAL CRISIS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 16.

Negotiations are proceeding today between the Minister of Labour, Sir A. H. Steel Maitland, who is acting for the Prime Minister and the coal owners.

In the House of Commons this afternoon, the Home Secretary, Sir W. Joynson Hicks, announced that the Prime Minister had been summoned to Windsor by His Majesty the King.

It is understood that the subject of this visit is to discuss the latest developments of the coal situation.

LIKE MANNA.

MYSTERIOUS SACKS FROM NOWHERE.

How some gunny bags (empty sacks) mysteriously "flew" over the Naval Yard wall and dropped, as if from nowhere, into Murray Road (between the Commodore's office and the cricket ground) was related at the Central Magistracy this morning when a coffee got 100 weeks' hard labour on a charge of receiving.

The evidence on a charge of stealing was insufficient.

Defendant maintained that he was asked by a compatriot to carry the bags for a dollar.

MARCH RAIN.

FIVE INCHES AT BOTANIC GARDENS.

The rainfall for the month of March at the Botanic Gardens was 5ins. 03 on 15 days, at the Matilda Hospital Mount Kellett, it was 4ins. 88 on 14 days, and at the Police Station, Tai-po, it was 3ins. 44 on 6 days.

The lowest reading of the barometer (M.S.L.) was 29ins. 863 at 13h. on the 17th.

The maximum squall velocity, as recorded by the Dines-Baxendell anemograph, was at the rate of 46 miles per hour at 19h. 25m. on the 16th.

It is notified that the name of the Hongkong Industrial Security Association, Limited has been struck off the register of companies.

A landslide, not attended by any casualty, occurred in the upper levels yesterday.

Several tons of earth fell in the new motor-road between Conduit Road and Robinson Road. The debris was lying across the thoroughfare, which is now obstructed.

and Wu Pei-fu, and further stating that the capture of Peking and the destruction of Bolshevism were absolutely assured.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu replied that he had already on several occasions made it perfectly clear that he had no intention whatever of treating with the Kuominchun, neither had he vouchsafed an answer to Lu Chung-lin's telegram.

Orders have been issued to the troops to move on and capture Peking.

HOTEL THEFT.

\$10,600 IN NOTES MISSING FROM COAT.

AN EXPENSIVE "NAP."

An abnormally large sum of money has been stolen in a local hotel theft, the victim being a Chinese gentleman.

Detectives are now investigating the loss of \$10,600 by Mr. Tang Pak-oi, who lives at the Great Eastern Hotel (opposite the Steamboat Co.'s Canton steamer wharf), on Connaught Road Central.

Mr. Tang occupied room No. 34. In his report to the Central Police, he says that the money (all in bank notes) must have been taken from his coat between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. yesterday, when he was asleep.

Manager's Whereabouts.

A sum of \$1,700 is alleged to have been taken by the manager of a joss paper shop in Shaukiwan.

MR. C. C. WU.

EXPECTED IN HONGKONG NEXT WEEK.

CURRENT PEACE RUMOUR.

According to a well-informed source, Mr. C. C. Wu (Dr. Wu Chao-chu) is expected to arrive in Hongkong, from Canton, on Monday or Tuesday.

Dr. Wu is now the Mayor of Canton and the head of Judicial Reform investigation committee. His name has been mentioned as one of the Canton delegates to the conference to end the present boycott. The latest rumour is that Dr. Wu is coming to Hongkong to continue the unofficial conversations, which were the subject of a communique by the Hongkong Government on Tuesday. It reads:

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., G.B.E., Attorney-General, held informal conversations at Canton on April 8 and 9 with Mr. C. C. Wu as a preliminary to the formal conference which is in view for the ending of the boycott.

The conversations were friendly and exhaustive, and Mr. Kemp took the opportunity of making it quite clear that the Hongkong Government would not pay strike pay or compensation for non-reinstatement of strikers, nor would it countenance any such payment.

The conversations were adjourned sine die, but it was agreed that they should be resumed before the meeting of the formal conference.

INJURED IN FIGHTS.

Alleged to have been assaulted by one of her own sex, who is accused of having used a hammer, a Chinese woman was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday with injuries to her head.

Another woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital last night, when stitches had to be put in her hand. As a result, a man was arrested in Hollywood Road. He was fined \$5 this morning and ordered to pay \$2 compensation.

LOCAL ROAD BLOCKED.

A landslide, not attended by any casualty, occurred in the upper levels yesterday.

Several tons of earth fell in the new motor-road between Conduit Road and Robinson Road. The debris was lying across the thoroughfare, which is now obstructed.

MINOR CAR ACCIDENT.

Motor-car No. 1108, when being driven along the Tai-po Road yesterday, knocked down a small Chinese boy who ran in front of the car. He was taken to hospital, where injuries to his face were attended to, but he was not detained.

COAL CRISIS.

DECISION OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION.

SOLIDARITY WITH MINERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, April 16.

The International Miners' Federation unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the only way of emerging from an international coal crisis was to examine the international system of production and distribution.

It affirmed its complete solidarity with the British miners in the present dispute, and expressed its readiness, in the event of trouble, to take measures to prevent the exportation of coal to Great Britain.

In the event of an international strike, it would recommend that it be not discontinued before the National Associations are satisfied that there sufficient grounds for resuming work found in all countries involved in the conflict. The Federation would act as a Strike Committee for all countries.

SANITARY BOARD.

NEW ELECTION ORDERED BY GOVERNMENT.

OFFICIAL INTIMATION.

The following appears in the Government "Gazette":—

A ballot for the election of a member of the Sanitary Board will take place at the City Hall between the hours of 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 26.

The following candidates have been duly nominated:—

Dr. Ho Sai-chuen.

Dr. Philomena Maria Graca Ozorio.

RENT RESTRICTION.

WHAT CHINESE TENANTS MAY ASK FOR.

SUGGESTED PETITION.

As reported in Thursday's "China Mail," the Hongkong Tenants' Protective Association proposes to present a public petition to the Government, with regard to the notice to discontinue the present Rents Restriction Ordinance as from June 30, 1926.

Interviewed by a reporter yesterday, Mr. Wong Kam-ying (chairman of the Association) is quoted as having indicated that certain suggestions will be put forward before to-morrow's meeting.

In view of the bad trade conditions prevailing, one argument is that both residents and shopkeepers will find it very difficult to pay any additional rent during the boycott.

The main proposals are, that subject to the boycott continuing at any rate, the Ordinance be retained; or that landlords of houses at present under restriction be only allowed to raise rentals in accordance with a scale (to be fixed).

CANTON PASSPORTS.

A passenger from Canton, says the vernacular papers, can now obtain a pass (from the Port Officer) to leave that port for \$13.20. This sum, it is stated, will cover permission to any destination and does not stipulate any time limit for return.

(Hitherto passes were issued on guarantees, and it is alleged, on payment, for persons to visit Hongkong, but to return to Canton within a week.)

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following officers to be Honorary Extra Aldes-de-Camp, with effect from December 11, 1925:—Captain George Edward Swinton, M.C., 1st Battalion, the East Surrey Regiment, and Lieutenant Allen James Levinge Whyte, Royal Engineers.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

NATIVE RUBBER.

DUTCH EAST INDIES PLANTING

MORE TREES.

Outlook Good.

An important factor in the price

of rubber will be the amount of

rubber produced by the natives in

the Dutch East Indies, and there-

fore it may be of interest to sum-

marise the expert opinions on this

subject recently published, says the

Hague correspondent of the

"Christian Science Monitor".

Since the rubber boom the ex-

port of native rubber has been

greatly stimulated. It amounted in

1921 to not more than 6,000 tons,

representing a value in American

money of \$2,000,000. In 1925 it was

about 120,000 tons at a value of

\$100,000,000. One-fourth of the

total export came from the Djambi

district in Sumatra.

Dr. A. A. L. Rutgers, Director

of Agriculture, Trade and Industry

in the Dutch East Indies, considers

that it will be a long time before

native rubber growing will reach

the limit of its development. He

comes to this conclusion by com-

paring the area of productive plan-

tations (over six years old) with

that of young plantations with the

rate at which planting is proceed-

ing at present, and by comparing

the older productive areas with

those in which rubber growing is

still either in its infancy or in

course of development.

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on an unprecedented scale. In

general, it may be said that the

young plantations exceed in num-

ber of trees those in course of pro-

duction. In the Djambi district,

for instance, which is a most impor-

tant, it is estimated that in 1924

there were twice as many produc-

tive trees as could be tapped by the

available labour. As the vast

majority of young trees were plant-

ed in 1922-1925, the great increase

in production may be expected after

1928, unless high prices, such as

have been attained since the middle

of 1925, stimulate the population

to overplanting, which would remain

temporarily unproductive.

Dr. Rutgers considers that in the

next five years the production of

native rubber will rise to 240,000

tons, unless special preventive fac-

tors make their influence felt.

These factors may take the form of

shortage of land or labour, prema-

ture exhaustion of the land, or

unremunerative prices. As a rule

there is no lack of land among the

population of the Outer Possessions

—that is, the islands of the Dutch

East Indian Archipelago outside

Java and Madura.

Little Lack of Labour.

With regard to a shortage of

labour, this certainly exists in the

THEOSOPHY.

"KARMA—OR WHY ARE WE JUST HERE."

LOCAL LECTURE.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society on Thursday, Miss Helen Casey, F.T.S., London, gave an address on "Karma—Or Why We are Just Here." The lecturer said in brief:

"The Law of Karma is one of the most wonderful truths which the Theosophical Society has introduced to the Western World, for in the knowledge of it lies the peace and joy of life and of eternity, and, furthermore, its working affects every living creature. A very brief consideration will convince you that this would be alone the cosmic system, could not be 'hung up' unless there were fixed fundamental laws to guide it, and one of these laws is that of Karma, called sometimes the law of causation, or of cause and effect, and in the Christian Bible it is indicated in the text: 'Whosoever sows soweth, that shall he also reap,' and the further suggestion that it is unwise to expect to gather 'figs from thistles.'"

Last week you heard how reincarnation gives you opportunity after opportunity to become perfect, so that, when you do reach the Heaven of which you dream, you will be able to enter into the fullness of its joys through your own perfection. It is during the times between death and rebirth that we can review the mistakes which the physical body, our mind and emotions have made, that the weak parts of the character can be strengthened and selfishness transformed into selflessness and able to work for the good of all; that all thoughts, words, and actions can gradually be brought under the control of the higher self.

A Definite Work.

When we are reborn into the world we come with definite traits, with a definite work to do—we also come with debts incurred in previous lives which we have not been able to pay off, and these make for us the health, sorrow, joy, or pain of the new life, the surroundings we are born into, the people we meet and they also make our character, and on our character depends largely our destiny.

That is why we are just where we are and why we are not occupying the place filled by Mr. Blank or Mrs. Dash—places which perhaps we might fill more richly had fortune placed us there. But fortune or rather we ourselves, in days gone by designed another opportunity for this life, the environment in which we now find ourselves, made by the duties and faculties we have inherited from ourselves, and until these are perfected we must return to earth again and again. If we do not like the environment we have, then we must see to it that we do not sow any more of that seed which we are now reaping. Can we change the conditions we ourselves have made? I have indicated that our characters influence our destinies, so therefore we must see where we can improve our characters, and that is best achieved by noting the motives which influence us. How often do we say an unkind thing because we have not the moral courage to stand up for the victim? What is the result? (a) By the unkindness we have lowered our own standard of brotherhood and its conception by our brother; (b) Created possibly an untruth, or, if it should be true, have strengthened in the victim the weakness we noted; (c) Incurred a debt which some day will be presented to us for payment. Then, when the Karma law brings its consequences, and the unkind thought which was of our original manufacture is returned to us, we are both less strong to send out thoughts of love on a future occasion. If, on the contrary, realising that the first offence was ours we accept bravely the feeling of hatred or dislike and in accepting it give forth a force of love to the offender, both of us are helped and the debt becomes a power. Thus we can transmit that which was done through blindness or ignorance or even through willfulness, thus can we change the errors into shafts of love and wands of peace.

Not a Command.

The law of Karma, like other natural laws, is not a command but a statement of certain conditions which must result if a former condition obtains. We cannot break it or even bend it, but by knowing

RUSSIAN HEIRLOOMS.

AMERICAN, FRENCH AND DUTCH BUDDERS.

FAMOUS LOVE LETTERS.

Moscow, February 21.—Keen competition is going on here among French, American and Dutch merchants in their bids for part of the former Crown Jewels, appraised at 500,000,000 rubles, which are to be sold by the Soviet Government.

At the same time the Government recently sold 10,000 Royal napkins and table-cloths bearing the coat-of-arms of the former Tsar, which were eagerly bought up by foreigners, especially Americans. The sales also included 5000 pairs of shoes and 124 pairs of corsets, belonging to former Court ladies.

Some unique exhibits have recently been added to the Moscow and Leningrad Museums by the Soviet authorities in the form of numerous heirlooms, personal clothing, jewellery and love letters of the Empress Catherine the Great. The most striking of all is a pink silk chemise which Catherine presented to her lover, Count Orloff, and which bears the inscription in Orloff's hand-writing, "From the dearest and most devoted of wives." Hundreds of love-letters, exchanged between Catherine and the Count, are being offered for sale by the State authorities.

Count Grigorievich Orloff (1734-83) attracted the notice of Catherine II while serving as an artillery officer in the capital, and afterwards became the leader of the conspiracy which resulted in the dethronement and death of Peter III (1762). The Empress raised him to the rank of Count and made him general-in-chief. His influence at Court and with the Empress lasted some nine years, during which, while a statesman, he was a useful and sympathetic counsellor of the throne.

Girl (talking singing lessons). "Do you think I might use my voice in public now?"

Tutor: "Oh, I suppose so. You might check when your brother's team comes."

Judge: We can modify its effects. I am here reminded of a dear friend who, very bewildered by the inequalities of life, said to me one day: "There does not seem to be any rhyme or reason in creation—I cannot understand how any God of Love or Justice could have produced such a chaotic world." She forgot, however, that with creation there was given also to human beings their free will—the freedom to choose whether we would satisfy the personality or the soul.

We cannot destroy the force that is to strike us, but we can inhibit it by a counterforce, or change its direction, and thus greatly modify the results. Knowledge of the existence of this natural law, that every force once created by thinking, feeling or acting will sooner or later return to its source of origin, to restore the equilibrium of the universe, will prepare us for its consequences and the limitations which it brings into our lives can then be accepted bravely, cheerfully, even gratefully, for are they not the means by which we learn both our weaknesses and our strength?

Even the duldest daily round can teach us patience; on the sickbed we learn the power of a cheerful and frail spirit and from the heavy tasks we learn endurance. Thus can we modify the conditions in which we find ourselves and can use these limitations as levers to lift us upward, instead of allowing ourselves to passively remain hedged in; by making an effort to prepare for ourselves a greater scope of usefulness or by cultivating those powers in which we are deficient, or by strengthening the qualities already acquired.

Qualities of Courage.

Think how each one of us can help the World Teacher when He comes amongst us if we can offer Him qualities of courage, which can lift off some of the burden from His shoulders; faculties of intellect and mental ability whereby to spread His teachings and interpret them to the capacity of His young hearers; qualities of love and brotherhood, of purity and energy. He will be able to use them all. Never rail against your fate. As St. Francis of Assisi said: "Whatsoever a man doeth upon the earth he doeth it unto himself, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Why waste time in thinking thoughts of weaknesses, of dishonesty, of dislike, or of unkindness, when you know that you will have to think them all again some day? "It knows not what nor ponder, utter true its measures mete, its faultless balance weighs." Times are as naught. To-morrow it will judge, or after many days. We reap precisely as we sow.

RAISING A WARSHIP.

SALVAGE WORK TRIUMPH.

GUNS & EQUIPMENT INTACT.

The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" writing from Dover on March 5 says:

The raising of his Majesty's ship "Glatton" from the bed of Dover Harbour is a triumph of salvage work. With the exception of the Italian battleship "Leonardo da Vinci," the "Glatton" is the heaviest vessel that has ever been lifted, whilst she is the only ship that has ever been salvaged and carried ashore a distance of about 1,400ft., at an angle of 60deg., with all her guns (two 9in. and four 6in.) and equipment intact. The scheme for raising this vessel was that of Captain John Iron, the Dover Harbour Master, who personally supervised the salvage. The history of the operations makes interesting reading.

DEPTH OF 40 FEET.

The work was started in May, 1925, the first steps being to have a general survey by divers to ascertain the position and condition of things under water. The "Glatton" was found to have turned over to an angle of 68deg., at a depth of 40ft. and to be apparently resting on the barbettes of the starboard 6in. gun, the upper edge of the boat deck, and the top of the conning tower. Before this could be fully ascertained, however, 12,000 tons of mud that had collected under the decks, between the port gunwale and the ground, had to be cleared away. This, on account of wreckage, could only be done by centrifugal pumps, and took a considerable time.

The tripod mast, 40ft. in diameter, of half-inch steel, and the two struts, 2ft. in diameter, also of half-inch steel, were found to be buckled into a V-shape, but not broken; and these had to be cut through in two places by acetylene oxy-acetylene cutting plant, and the strengthening bars inside blown out with small explosive charges. The funnel and bridge had to be cut away by the same means, and everything cleared away that extended below the armour-plated conning tower, which was then 15ft. below low-water neap tides. Eight pairs of 9in. wires were then passed under the wreck, in such positions as to take the armour plating. To get these wires through in some places, ways had to be made for a length of 52ft., by water jets and pumping.

PUMPING IN THE AIR.

The difficulty of getting air all through a vessel with so many watertight compartments, was overcome by fitting a 4in. airpipe the entire length of the wreck, between the bulge and the shell plating, with branch pipes leading from it into as many compartments as possible, capable of taking air at 70,000 cubic feet per hour. All the manholes on the "open-to-the-sea" bulge were closed and made perfectly airtight; all the lightports in the port side were closed by steel plates secured by strongbacks, bolts, and nuts; all hatches, skylights, ventilators, doors, etc., on the port side, as far as the centre line of the monitor were also closed and made airtight by the divers. The barbettes of the 6in. port midships gun, the gun muzzles, sight holes in the barbettes, etc., were also made as airtight as possible. A trial was then made with air, which was pumped into the wreck at the rate of 70,000 cubic feet per hour by two compressors, and on getting 10lb. pressure it was found that the wreck had a decided tendency to turn back towards uprighting. To prevent this two pairs of 9in. wires were placed round the barbettes of the two 9in. guns and passed under the starboard gunwale, in readiness to be placed over the lifting lighters.

When all this preparatory work had been completed and the weather became suitable, the four lifting lighters hired from the Admiralty were towed to the wreck; the 9in. wires were passed across them, and at low water the lighters were pinned down and air pumped into the wreck. As the barges rose with the tide, the "Glatton" came up with them, the wires round the guns holding her in the same position as when on the ground. It was then found that the air under compression gave the wreck sufficient buoyancy to relieve the lighters of 50 per cent. of the weight. After a few minor difficulties, which generally happen in this kind of work, the "Glatton" was moved 1,400ft. from two tides, and within 200ft. of the west pier of the Submarine Harbour, at the west side of which it is proposed to berth the wreck during the next spring tides, about the middle of the month.

When the question of raising the wreck was under discussion

SHENSI ISOLATED.

TRADERS AND FARMERS IMPOVERISHED.

TAXES COLLECTED BEFORE DUE.

We here in Shensi have been living in a world by ourselves the past two months or more, says the correspondent of the "China Central Post" on March 18. It has been practically impossible to communicate with the outside world, on account of military movements going on east, south and west of us. Mail and telegraph service has been cut off, except from Kansu. Yesterday, the postman brought us an armful of papers and a few letters dated mostly in January. This has been a rather trying time for those of us who have children at the schools in Chikungshan, Kuling or Chefoo, as it has been almost impossible to find out what was going on outside of our own province.

We have not been isolated for such a long time since the revolution in 1911. And up to the present we are not clear as to what has taken place in the east. But we understand things have been happening in Honan, and that our Shensi Braves are not wanted there. Can't say they are wanted here either, and our greatest fear is that they are coming or being driven back here. We have not been so overcrowded with soldiers for a few months, and it has been a great relief to the people. But if the second People's army is driven out of Honan we are most likely in for a rowdy time in Shensi the coming months, as no doubt the bulk of them will come this way.

Deep Business Gloom.

During the last twenty-five years we do not remember seeing our city so dull in business as the last few weeks. A large number of shops are closed. Others, partly open. Banks do a little business through a side or back door. Paper cash notes are at 20,000 per silver dollar. Paper dollar notes are worth about 19 cents in silver. The military have stripped the place of silver in their never ceasing demands on shops and banks. Business men shake their heads when questioned in regard to the situation and future prospects. It is too gloomy for words.

Li Hu-cheng, who was appointed to be our Tupan some months ago, has not been able to turn tip. He has evidently been kept busy in Honan. The road has also been cut off at Tongkuan pass by Liu Chien-hua's men. General Wu Hsing-tien has been trying to break through from the south. But so far as we know he has only reached Miehien 250 li west of here. General Kong in Tsinchow has come down as far as Long-hai and Kienliang. It looks like we would have a lively Spring so far as military movements go.

Loss to Everyone.

During our isolation we have had some snow and good rains. The prospects are good for a fine wheat crop. Though nature smiles on the farmer, how can he be happy or prosper when his taxes are collected four years before they are due, and his animals taken time and again to pull the military around from one place to another, until they are worn out or die from mistreatment. The outlook is just as gloomy for him as for the business man. No one really profits from this state of things, yet they will have it. At least some will, and the rest of us must put up with this awful situation.

He: "What's the idea of dating this letter the 14th when it's only the 10th?"

She: "I'm going to ask you to post it for me, dear."

"What are they going to call the new baby?"

"I don't know. They've named him 'Valentine' Archibald Augustus Brown."

In Parliament two estimates of cost were mentioned, one of £50,000 and one of £46,000. Captain Iron estimated £5,000, but owing to the huge quantity of mud to be removed the actual cost will work out at something between £10,000 and £12,000. All the materials for the salvage work were made at the Dover Harbour Board's own workshops, under the superintendence of Mr. P. G. Sutton, the works superintendent. Captain Iron has had great assistance, last Christmas from "Mr. J. E. Pollard, and from Divers Maddison, Bolton, and Matthews, all four of whom have this week left for important salvage work at Lorenzo Marquez.

APRIL 23RD.

THE ENGLISHMAN AND HIS SOCIETY.

SAILORS SHOOT.

Come let us reason together for a brief space.

Englishman do not like any outward show of sentiment, though inwardly, and in their own queer way, they are the most sentimental nation on earth!

But this day, St. George's Day—England's Day—is a day in which, not shamefacedly but openly, and in the full realisation of all that centuries, and what to her she stands for in a calamitous world, every Englishman should not only devote a few brief moments to inward thought of his heritage from the past, which it is his sacred duty to hand on, with added lustre to the future generations, but he should do more. He should actively associate himself with the local branch of the St. George's Society and with a practical view to that step should at once communicate with Mr. R. E. Green-smith, the present Secretary.

The spirit of St. George's Day is not one of self glorification. Rather it is one of mutual sympathy and assistance to other Englishmen less fortunately circumstanced.

If that is the spirit of St. George's Day—and who will deny it?—it but heads all Englishmen to practise it amongst themselves, to make it easier to introduce a more tolerant spirit of co-operation into the life of Hongkong. That spirit of tolerance—elsewhere such a characteristic of the Englishman—is essential here if Hongkong is to take the place in the new world of the Pacific which is its rightful due, and which nothing but sheer stupidity can deprive it of.

Let it be urged therefore that during the week which elapses before St. George's Day, every Englishman shall make it a point of honour to see that his name is put on the Roll of the Society of St. George, so that on April 23rd, he can take his place at the celebration held that evening at the Theatre Royal as a full pledged member of the Society.—Contributed.

A gigantic bronze figure of Karl Marx, the "father of Communism," is to be erected in the heart of Moscow. The monument will be 60 feet high and will cost \$250,000. It is the work of the Russian sculptor, S. S. Aliekhin. It depicts Karl Marx with a group of "proletarians," consisting of a French member of the Paris Commune of 1871, manual workers, and a woman, the latter leading a Communist youth holding aloft a banner of Freedom.

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Word was first received by the North Szechuen Road Police that anything was amiss, a telephone message being received from a Chapei police officer to the effect that several foreigners were behaving themselves in a manner worthy of arrest.

Sergeants Montgomery, Widdowson and Young from the North Szechuen Road Station turned out, and, following the directions given by the officer, came to a house in Junkong Road where a crowd had collected and a great deal of excitement prevailed.

It appears that the sailors had engaged in an argument with the ricksha coolies over the fare, and in the heat of the argument one of the party is said to have drawn a 45 revolver and fired a couple of shots at the feet of the coolies, one of whom was wounded in the foot and the other in the leg.

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TAKAO and KEELUNG.

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FAR EASTERN VESSELS.

Information was received from the local offices of the Admiral Oriental Line yesterday that the U.S. Shipping Board had accepted the bid of the stockholders in the company, made through Stanley Dollar, for the purchase of the five President boats now operating in the Far East. The cable advice gave no details of the financial arrangements.

The five vessels involved are those which first came to the Orient in April 1921 under the flag of the Pacific S.S. Company and were respectively named Wenatchee, Silver State, Keystone State, Pinetree State and Bay State. About a year later, when the company was renamed the Admiral Oriental Line, the vessels became respectively the President Jefferson, Jackson, McKinley, Grant and Madison and these have been operating since, together with approximately 12 freighters, all leased from the Shipping Board.

The group interests which comprise the Admiral Oriental and Dollar Line now operate the entire President fleet in the Far East, the latter company having taken over from the Pacific Mail S.S. Co. in May of last year, the President Pierce, Taft, Wilson, Lincoln, and Cleveland, running out of San Francisco.

The entire fleet numbers 17, of which seven are employed in the round world service under the Dollar flag, the same company running a service of freighters from Manila to Whampoa, while they are agent principals of the Pioneer Line, plying between Pacific and Atlantic ports via the Panama Canal.

Now that the Lake boats are disposed of, the U.S. Shipping Board's interests in Far Eastern waters are confined to the Columbia Pacific S.S. Co., and the service which is maintained by Struthers and Barry between the Pacific and Manila.

The original offer made by Stanley Dollar was one of \$3,000,000, the only bid to be made in response to the Shipping Board advertisement in February last, but the terms were not fully complied with.

The Shipping Board required that the purchasers should supply \$1,000,000 bond to maintain a schedule of 17 sailings a year for a period of five years. The Round World President were purchased on similar conditions, but instead of 17 sailings the Dollar fleet has maintained 25 per year.

Negotiations were not concluded and the Shipping Board again asked for bids, which were to be in and by April 6. Failing details, it is to be assumed that the Dollar interests have repented their offer and this, after consideration by the Shipping Board, has been accepted. The price will in all probability be found to be that already named approximately \$3,000,000.

PASSENGER LIST.

List of cabin passengers departed per s.s. "President Pierce" for Manila, on April 15.

Miss R. Simpson, Mr. W. V. Whyte, Miss J. Thompson, Mrs. L. E. Arvidson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Potter, Mrs. B. Cocak, Miss E. Cocak, Miss M. H. Lim, Mrs. Liang Wong-shi, Mrs. Yiong Cuan, Mr. G. Lo, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Congdon, Master E. D. Congdon, Miss E. E. Congdon, Dr. C. Y. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. C. Foss, Mr. Go You-lan, Mrs. R. B. Lockwood, Mr. W. P. Murphy, Miss G. Murphy, Miss C. Nathorst, Miss G. Murphy, Miss L. Johnson, Mrs. G. T. Nathorst, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Patty, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rifkin, Miss L. Rifkin, Mr. T. E. Stealey, Mr. J. Ward, Miss B. Withers, Mr. C. Zoumeroff, Mr. K. Koons and Miss M. Cameron.

Mr. T. R. Parsons, Manager of the Hongkong Hotel Garage, who is going on leave next week, was the guest of the Chinese staff at a dinner at West Point. Mr. Parsons was presented with an address, accompanied by a silver tea service and a silver cigarette case, while Mrs. Parsons was the recipient of a silver hand-bag. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons received many tributes of appreciation and many good wishes for a happy holiday.

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ON THE COUNCIL.

MR. BERNARD ELECTED BY CHAMBER.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was elected yesterday, at a meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, to represent the Chamber on the Legislative Council, during the absence on leave of Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

As chairman of the Chamber, Mr. Bernard presided. He was supported by the following members of the general committee:—the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (vice-chairman), Messrs. A. H. Barlow, Paul Lauder, W. H. Bell, G. M. Young, J. Owen Hughes, J. A. Plummer, and T. G. Weall, with the secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

Mr. Bernard said:—"Gentlemen,—You are all aware that the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, has recently left the Colony for six months for reasons of health, and as customary, the Government have asked the Chamber to nominate someone to take his place on the Council while he is away."

"According to the Chamber's rules governing the nomination, notice in writing of the names of candidates and of their proposer and seconders has to be lodged with the Secretary 48 hours before the meeting. The only name that has been sent in is that of myself, to be proposed by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and to be seconded by Mr. A. H. Barlow. There being only one candidate, voting will be by a show of hands."

Formally making the proposal, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang said that Mr. Bernard required no introduction from him. He was well known to them all as a man well fitted to represent the commercial community on the Legislative Council of this Colony. Mr. Barlow then seconded. The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bernard then thanked those present for the honour and expressed the hope that Mr. Holyoak would return, fully restored in health, by next autumn. Meanwhile, he would do his best to serve the Chamber. (Applause.)

The attendance comprised: Messrs. A. V. Apcar & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. H. Cooper); The Asiatic Petroleum Co., (South China) Ltd. (Mr. W. H. Bell); Banker & Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung); Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Mr. J. A. Plummer); The British-American Tobacco Co., (China) Ltd. (Mr. F. A. Perry); Butterfield & Swire, (Mr. G. M. Young); Canton Insurance Office Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall); Mr. Chan Yue-teng; The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. B. C. Hornell); The Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. K. Hepburn); Dodwell & Co., Ltd. (Mr. T. G. Weall); Fung Fung, (Mr. Wong Tak-kyong); The Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd. (The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang); T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. A. E. Eagle); Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd. (Mr. B. L. Lewis); Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. (Mr. John Arnold); Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh); Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. F. C. Hall); Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, (Mr. A. H. Barlow); Hongkong Tramways Limited, (Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy); J. D. Hutchison & Co., (Mr. P. S. Cassidy); Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Mr. R. Sutherland); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard); Johnson, Stokes & Master, (Mr. D. J. Lewis); Liver-nool and London & Gibb Insurance Co., Ltd. (Mr. W. S. Dixon); W. R. Loxley & Co., (Mr. W. L. Patterson); Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., (The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. A. E. Martin); Robertson, Wilson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. W. Sewall); Alex. Ross & Co., (China) Ltd. (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland); E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. A. S. Gubbay); Stewart Bros., (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin); Mr. M. P. Ta'ati; The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (Mr. Paul Lauder); A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. Henry Humphreys); Harry Wicking & Co., (Mr. J. Owen Hughes).

Miss L. Spanton and Miss K. Glendinning were the winning dancers at a fancy dress social and dance at the Dockyard Young Men's Club on Wednesday, other prize-winners being Mr. A. May, Mr. J. L. Thomas and Miss M. George. The music for the occasion was supplied by Miss J. Goddard and Messrs. J. Flegg and Jacobson. Mr. A. George, the chairman of the Club, was a capable M.C. The committee for judging the fancy dresses were Mrs. A. J. B. Stirling, wife of the Commodore, Eng. Comdr. Bromley, R.N., and Mr. Wernham. Afterwards Mrs. Stirling very kindly presented the prizes.

LOCAL WILLS.

WHAT FORMER RESIDENTS LEFT.

TWO BIG AMOUNTS.

Wills of deceased local residents have revealed the following:—

Mrs. J. H. Taggart.

The late Mrs. Lillian Marie Taggart, of the Hongkong Hotel, who died at sea on March 26, 1926, left property in the Colony to the value of \$107,500.

Letters of administration have been granted to her husband, Mr. James Harper Taggart.

Mr. C. F. de Carvalho.

The late Mr. C. F. de Carvalho, an assistant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, who died at 39, Empress Gate, Kensington, London, on September 20, 1925, while on leave, left property in Hongkong to the value of \$176,500.

Probate of the will (dated April 18, 1921), has been granted here to his widow, Mrs. G. H. C. de Carvalho. Messrs. L. G. C. Rodrigues and G. A. C. Rodrigues (nephews) were appointed joint executors with his wife. The former nephew predeceased him. Deceased enjoined that money which he had in the branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London should be used to educate his children. He left small legacies to his nephew and his sister, E. M. de Carvalho, and the remainder to be held in trust by his widow for his children.

Mr. Lome Murphy.

The late Mr. Lome Murphy, an engineer on one of the river boats, who died in the Colony last summer, left \$5,100. He was formerly of Rzesler, Sydney, and he left all to his widow, Mrs. E. E. Murphy of Sydney.

Leave on private affairs it is announced in Command Orders, has been granted to the following Officers:—Lieut. Colonel C. M. Stephens, C.M.G., R.A.O.C., from April 16 to May 27; Lieut. A. J. Whyte, R.E., April 23 to October 22; Lieut. G. D. Upson, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, April 24 to May 31. With reference to Command Order dated January 26 the dates of the leave granted to Lieut. G. C. Pawns, R.A., are amended to read April 23 to October 22.

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Empress of Asia	June 24	June 27	July 1	July 3	July 12	July 12
Empress of Canada	July 9	July 12	July 14	July 17	July 26	July 26
Empress of Russia	July 22	July 25	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 9	Aug. 9
Empress of Australia	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 23	Aug. 23
Empress of Asia	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28	Sept. 6	Sept. 6
Empress of Canada	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 20	Sept. 20
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MARRIAGE.

MOUSLEY — ARGENT. — On
April 10, at Shanghai, Harry
Mousley, son of Mr. George
Mousley, of Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire, England, to
Helen Thompson Argent,
youngest daughter of the late
Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson
Argent, of West Bergholt
near Colchester, Essex, Eng-
land.

DEATH.

MAXWELL. — At Chungking,
Lieutenant Commander R. S.
Maxwell.

Hongkong, Saturday, April 17, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Quiet and almost uninteresting
may well describe the events of
the past week when viewed
through the lognette of the
Hongkong resident. There was,
of course, the election to the San-
itary Board, the fiasco at which
has provided the newspapers with
quite a lot of unexpectedly good
"copy." The Government has
virtually declared the election
null and void—on account of in-
sufficient voting facilities for
those electors inside the poll-
ing booth at the closing hour—and
given a definite ruling on the pro-
cedure of future elections in the
Colony by ordering another elec-
tion in the City Hall on April 26,
the candidates being Dr. Ho Sai-
chuen and Dr. F. M. G. Ozorio.
Another election this week has
been a bloodless affair—the ap-
pointment by the General
Chamber of Commerce of a repre-
sentative on the Legislative Coun-
cil Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was
the only nominee, and he will
accordingly act during Mr. P. H.
Holyoak's absence from the
Colony. The householder and the
"paying guest" once more rejoice
for the restrictions on the use of
water have been abolished—for
probably another year—and the
early morning or forenoon "tub"
can now be enjoyed with greater
zeal than before the scarcity of
rain led to the severe limitation
of consumption. The rabies scare
seems to have abated, though the
muzzling of dogs is still enforced
and there have been a few more
cases of persons being bitten by
their canine friends (or enemies).
The Government has kindly in-
formed a waiting and anxious
public about the Attorney-
General's trip to Canton and his
informal conversations with Dr.

C. C. Wu, but beyond saying that
these were cordial and friendly
and that they will be resumed be-
fore the formal conference be-
tween the Canton and Hongkong
delegates the public is left to
imagine a lot. It is something,
however, to learn that Mr. Kemp,
on behalf of the Hongkong Gov-
ernment, informed Dr. Wu that
under no circumstances would
the Hongkong Government pay
anything in the way of pay for
the strikers' or compensation in
any shape or form, and that it
would not countenance any such
payments by others. The British
Consul-General in Canton, Sir
James Jamieson, arrived in Hong-
kong during the week and left on
Friday for a trip to the Old Coun-
try on leave. It may be expected
that most of his holiday will be
spent at the Foreign Office, in
which case Sir Austen Chamber-
lain's replies to questions in the
House of Commons may prove a
trifle more illuminating and in-
formative in future than in the
recent past. Hongkong has been
favoured with a visit from one of
the two Danish aviators who are
flying to Japan, but this aerial
"ace" called at Canton and gave
Hongkong the go-by—only to find
that after all he may be obliged
to bring his machine to this
Colony and "take off" here on his
departure to Shanghai and
Japan. Whilst the "Wets" and
the "Drys" have been enjoying
almost hectic week of controversy
before the Senate Committee of
Enquiry into Prohibition the
"Wets" here had a miniature
field day on Friday. The annual
meeting of the shareholders of
Gande, Price & Co., Limited, dis-
closed a good business in the wine
trade during the year, and if the
profits were not quite so good as
in the previous year they were
sufficient to allow of a dividend
being declared. The annual meet-
ing of the Lawn Bowls Associa-
tion was held during the week,
when it was wisely decided to re-
vert to the system in vogue
before last season of deciding the
open singles championship.
Fifteen entries were received for
the League competition, a Club
new to the Association being wel-
comed, namely, the Club de
Recreio.

At Home the Coal Commission's
report has again provided the
chief topic for Rafter and the
British Wireless Service. On
Thursday it appeared as if the
negotiations between the coal
owners and the miners would
break down completely, but the
Prime Minister's intervention has
provided a ray of hope. Still,
there is time yet for a genuine
crisis to arise, just as there is
time for both sides to decide to
come to a mutual agreement on
the controversial points at issue.
It is noteworthy that His
Majesty the King has summoned
the Prime Minister to Windsor
to discuss the position. An
engineering crisis is threatened,
the conference of Engineer-
ing Employers and Trade
Unions on the national demand
for a pound weekly wage increase
having failed to reach an agree-
ment. The Trade Unions are now
considering the question of

authorising a strike ballot
in London and districts.
The Labour members have run
riot in the House of Commons on
the Economy Bill, thirteen of
their number being ejected in the
course of an all-night sitting.
They apparently must do some-
thing in the spectacular line to
impress the "free and independ-
ent" electors, who returned them
to Westminster.

Amongst foreign topics the
serious menace of Bagdad created
no little anxiety for some days,
the flood level being fifteen feet
above the city. Fortunately the
breach in the River Tigris has
been repaired by a thousand men
depositing thousands of sand bags
in the river from barges. And
the populace of Bagdad have been
relieved of the fear of inundation.
The Spanish aviators who are
flying to Manila from Madrid are
having their movements duly re-
ported. Their leader, Captain
Estevez, however, has been left
behind between Cairo and Amman
and has not yet been located,
although his machine has been
found intact. His two comrades,
were yesterday reported to have
reached Agra.

The Allied forces in the North
of China have closed in on the
Kuomintang armies, who have
been compelled to evacuate
Peking. Tuan Chi-jui, who re-
cently took refuge in the Legation
Quarter, has returned to the Pre-
sidential Palace and resumed the
functions of his office. Tsao Kun,
the ex-President, who was re-
cently released from confinement
by the Kuomintang, has now gone
to the Legation Quarter. The
Allied commanders have avowed
their intention to suppress Bol-
shevism, and the Mukden War
Lord has clearly hinted that if
Karakhan values his skin he had
better quit Peking.

THE CHURCHES.

Rarely, if ever, do customs
change in things Clerical. An
exception may be cited in the
Community Church at Shanghai
which is a place for the com-
munity, and where the modern is
introduced to a remarkable
degree. In Hongkong the dignity
of the Church of England service
contrasts with the simplicity of
the services at the Union and
Wesleyan Churches. It cannot
be said that these three places
attract the crowd to its services.
So much the worse for the crowd
perhaps. But there may be some-
thing in the thought that if
people won't go to church, the
church must go to the people.
How? That must be for padres
and workers themselves to decide.
In these days of debaters, and the
move to get men on their feet to
speak what is in their minds,
could not the Church do some-
thing to aid the thought of man
in matters of religion? Congre-
gations, we are told, sit mute and
torpid, sluggishly allowing divine
truths and human errors to flow
indiscriminately down the chan-
nels of their ears. Preachers are
from four to six feet above criti-
cism. That is the trouble. Much
might be gained in alertness and
attention if congregations were
expected to raise questions upon
the sermon, at all events after the
service. For there is frequently
some point in a sermon open to
doubt, and a questioner would
always remember his question if
not the answer. This is not a
new idea; but it is an idea with
tremendous possibilities. It con-
tains a challenge. It might, if
adopted, attract the "gas-bags."
Properly managed it should at-
tract the thoughtful person; the
doubting Thomases; and the
many who are perplexed, and re-
main so because they see no clear
way out from the morass of their
perplexity.

It is reported in Command Or-
ders that Flight Lieut. L. Wanless
O'Gowan, R.A.F. disembarked from
the s.s. "Macedonia" on April 1,
and assumed the duties of Air Staff
Officer on that date.

STREET CROWDS.

THINGS HEARD OUTSIDE A
NEW SHOP.

OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

"It's an ill wind that blows
nobody any good," the old saying
goes. One result of a recent
bankruptcy case is that a new
Chinese shop has been established,
replete with most forms of
modern display, whilst neigh-
bouring competitors are content
with things as they are.
This is characteristic of a great
many branches of Chinese trade.
A walk through the native busi-
ness quarter will show the layman
that there is abundant room for
craftsmanship in setting off a
business.

Along Queen's Road, facing the
Central Market, have been a num-
ber of shops which are generally
known as storekeepers. The
writer remembers every one of
them for the last twenty years.
With an established clientele, they
made their yearly profits, and
were therefore satisfied. Each
one looked very much like the
others.

A few months ago, one of them
was closed. It now seems either
that the stock has either been
cleared, or that what has remain-
ed has changed hands.
The new owner has arranged
his establishment on very differ-
ent lines. Touches of decoration
here, better lighting there, a gen-
erally "showy" display of the
lines carried, and many other
knick-knacks combine to impress
the eye.

There was one phase of "old
custom" that was not ignored.
This was the string of firecrackers
which went off one morning this
week when the new firm formally
opened its doors to the public.

Looking For Bargains.
One of the crowd of idlers that
stood around for no apparent rea-
son—they were not admiring the
contents of the shop—was heard
to make a remark. His manner
had to be seen to be appreciated.
"This shop must be very miserly,"
he confided to a younger man.
"Several people have been in and
made purchases, but not one of
them got a bargain."

When a Chinese business opens,
the first customer is given a
genuine bargain, probably getting
an article three or four times
(either in quantity or quality)
the value paid by him. This is
probably a courtesy of old times.
The first "client" of a pawnshop
can usually hand up an old, worn
pair of cotton trousers and get
a loan of \$2 or so, which would be
more than what the garment
originally cost. Accordingly, a
new pawnshop is besieged with
men of the coolie class when it
commences business, and the
struggle for the "bargain" re-
solves itself into a case of the
survival of the fittest.

The idler's grouse recorded
alone may have been based on the
fact that this generosity was dis-
pensated with in the present hard
times.

Pickpockets Alert.
A practical joker who looked in
for a moment or two, looked at
the scene disapprovingly. As
though speaking to himself, and
with a shake of the head, he said,
"Oh, here's a splendid oppor-
tunity for pickpockets."
When the writer approached
him for further information he
replied: "If you don't believe
me, stand back in the crowd the
next time there is a big wedding
or funeral procession and watch
the pickpockets at work." He
guaranteed that anybody could
see the light-fingered fraternity.

From a side view, so the speak-
er mentioned, the job was crude
in the extreme. One man would
pretend to jostle people about for
a better view, meanwhile feeling
what was inside pockets. On a
prize being fixed, the thief would
get in front of the victim; put the
right hand under the left armpit,
and extract the article "under
cover" of the left shoulder and
arm. If there was a chase, a
confederate tricked the victim up,
and then kept him engaged on an
argument for "pushing into him."

St. Anthony's Church, 177 Third
Street, has been proclaimed a
licensed place for the solemnisation
of marriages.

The following officiating appoint-
ments are made in the 5/2nd
Punjab Regiment:—Capt. M. G.
O'Leary, M.B.E., Co. Officer, to be
Officiating Co. Commander, vice-
Capt. H. J. Hawthorn, relieved
April 1, 1926; Capt. M. Middleton,
Co. Commander, to be Officiating
2nd-in-Command, vice Major
C. T. M. Smith, granted one year's
combined leave to U.K. April 2;
Capt. H. J. Hawthorn, Co. Officer,
to be Officiating Co. Commander,
vice Capt. M. Middleton, appointed
Officiating 2nd-in-Command April
2.

QUIET STILL.

REVIEW OF LOCAL SHARE
MARKET.

PRICES MAINTAINED.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's
weekly share report states:

Our market has remained quiet
during the past week, but prices
generally have been well main-
tained.

Shanghai market is steady
but quiet.

The following are the principal
alterations since last week:—
Banks:—Continue in good de-
mand and with the fall in ex-
change have come to business at
\$1.090.

Unions:—Are steady with buy-
ers at \$283 but few if any sellers,
under \$285.

Canton Insurances and Hong-
kong Fires:—Are wanted at
quotations.

Hotels:—Are rather easier at
the close but a considerable num-
ber of shares have changed hands
from \$10 to \$10½ during the
week.

Electric:—Are steady and
have come to business at \$64.

Trams:—Are firm with buyers
at quotations.

China Sugars:—Have been in
some demand and have come to
business at \$27 at which price
more shares are wanted.

China Lights:—Are steady
with buyers at \$15 for the Old
Shares and \$11 for the New.

Steamboats:—Have been done
at \$25¼.

Lands:—Are rather easier with
sellers at \$66½.

Munitions:—Are wanted at
\$15½ without attracting sellers.

Cements:—Have been done at
\$15½ and close with buyers at
\$15½ for the Combined shares.

Wharves:—After coming to
business at \$130 are rather easier,
buyers only offering \$128.

Hongkong Docks:—Have sell-
ers at \$80.

Star Ferries:—Have been done
at \$61½ and more shares could
be placed at this price.

Dairy Farms:—Are nominal
with little if any enquiries.

London Quotations of the 15th
inst:—Banks 4125, Indos Defer-
red 45.15, Shells 44 12s. 6d. All
middle prices.

Exchange:—Demand rate on
London is 2/2 13/16, and T/T
on Shanghai is 7s. 7d. 1/2.

Next Settlement Day is Tues-
day, April 27.

STOLEN RIFLES.

LENIENCY IN CHINESE
CRUISER CASE.

NOT "PRIME MOVER."

The chief armourer of the Chi-
nese cruiser "Kwong Ching" was
found not guilty yesterday at the
Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of
larceny of five rifles, held in trust
for General Chan Kwing-min, but
on the charge of aiding and
abetting he was found guilty and
sentenced to one month's hard
labour.

His Worship, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill,
said that he was satisfied that de-
fendant was not the prime-mover in
the undertaking and the leniency
of the sentence was due to the fact
that he had taken into considera-
tion the previous good record of the
accused and the peculiar circum-
stances suffered on the cruiser with
regard to wages.

The \$100 found on the accused
was ordered to be returned to the
captain as the money was the pro-
ceeds of the larceny.

In the course of the concluding
evidence, the captain and second
officer, recalled, denied complicity
in the sale of these or any other
arms that had been on the cruiser.

Y.M.C.A.

A KOWLOON APPOINTMENT.

The interesting news is to hand
that Mr. P. Sands, B.A., has
accepted the offer made to him to
become Assistant Secretary to the
Kowloon branch of the Y.M.C.A.
Mr. Sands, who is at present on
the staff at St. Stephen's Col-
lege, takes up his duties in July
next. He is a licensed Lay
Reader at St. Andrew's Church,
Kowloon, and for some time now
has been closely identified with
the work carried on at St.
Andrew's more particularly
among young men in conjunction
with the assistant chaplain, the
Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith. Mr.
Sands will bring to his new duties
zeal, experience and enthusiasm.
He is not unknown at the
Y.M.C.A. where he has taken part
in debates, etc. The possession
of a ready and witty pen should
also make him an acquisition.
The Kowloon branch of the
Y.M.C.A. has already justified the
optimism of its promoters, and
with Mr. Hunt and Mr. Sands as
working colleagues—backed up by
the members themselves, the
future looks unquestionably rosy.

CANCER RESEARCH.

TRIBUTE TO WORK OF DR.
W. E. GYE.

ROYAL COLLEGE PRIZE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 16.

At the quarterly meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons a prize of £100 was awarded to Dr. William Ewart Gye in recognition of his work in advancing knowledge of the Pathology and Therapeutics of Cancer during the past five years.

The award was made in pursuance of a report from the Committee appointed to advise the Council in the matter, in which it was stated that "These experiments, pursued with great patience and acumen, over a long period and are still in progress, suggest new and hopeful lines of attack upon the problem of the cause of malignant disease. Though it cannot yet be said that they have found practical application they have already given to cancer research such great stimulus and such new direction as to justify the Committee in recommending Dr. Gye for the prize."

VERY NEAT!

"BAD IN MALAYA—FINE
IN CUBA."

HOOPER'S INCONSISTENCY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 16.

A neatly worded attack on Mr. Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, appears in the New York World which, in a leader headed "Bad in Malaya—Fine in Cuba," calls attention to the Cuban Government's action curtailing the production of sugar for the next two years.

The newspaper points out that this action is in accordance with the advice that Mr. Hoover gave that Government three years ago. It contrasts this action with Mr. Hoover's "righteous indignation" when he condemned Governmental control of British rubber, and asks if Cuba is right in doing with sugar what Great Britain is wrong in doing with rubber and, if so, why?

It further asks: "Can it be that the methods which Mr. Hoover calls indefensible in Malaya are all right in Cuba when they work out to our own advantage?"

STEEL TRAINS.

INTERESTING DEPARTURE AT
HOME.

SAFER THAN WOOD.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 16.

A train constructed entirely of steel travelled from London to Birmingham and back on the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway. It carried representatives of the Dominions and others interested in this new departure.

The Railway is putting on its lines 235 steel-bodied cars. The floors of the cars are covered with cement, and suitably insulated. They have the advantages of being more durable than wooden cars and of being safer in case of mishap.

They are made with British material and by British labour.

NO AGREEMENT.

ENGINEERING CRISIS AT
HOME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

An engineering crisis is threatened, the conference of Engineering Employers and Trade Unions on the national demand for a pound weekly wage increase having failed to reach an agreement.

The Trade Unions are now considering the question of authorising a strike ballot in London and districts.

TEMPER RESTORED.

COMMONS ENJOY QUIET
NIGHT-SITTING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

After a good tempered all-night sitting, in which Mr. Churchill and Mr. Thomas led the opposing sides, the Commons rose at 7-15 this morning, after passing clause nine of the Economy Bill.

Discussion on the Bill was adjourned until Monday.

WET OR DRY?

NOVEL EXPERIMENT BY THE
"PROPHETS."

PUBLIC TO BE JUDGES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 16.

An interesting experiment in weather forecasting is being made by the "Daily Mail."

This journal publishes to-day the first of a series of diagrams showing expectations of rain or dry weather for a period of fifty days in five areas of the British Isles.

Diagrams have been prepared by Lord Dunboyne, who organised the Meteorological Department for the Naval Air Service, and who has been assisted by Mr. P. L. Thompson, another Meteorological expert. They consist of a series of mathematical curves, based on the behaviour of weather during the past fifty years.

Arguing from causes to effects, and with the help of the latest information from the Air Ministry Lord Dunboyne produces predictions which he claims have so far met with notable success.

The "Daily Mail" submits his prophecies to its readers to be judged on their merits and results.

GRAVE CONCERN.

GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS.

SHIPPING COMPLAINT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

The International Shipping Conference adopted the British delegate's amended resolution on the League of Nations and international organisations, recording "grave concern" at the rapid growth and multiplication of international organisations representing Governments and other interests as involving unnecessary interference with shipping activities, and expressing the opinion that the League's activities should be limited to securing and maintaining freedom of communications and transit and equitable treatment of commerce.

It is noteworthy that the American delegation did not vote on this resolution.

The Conference unanimously adopted the report of the Committee on life-saving appliances and wireless, which, inter alia, recommended some penalty for the misuse of distress signals.

BACK TO PRUDERY.

COMMONS CONCERN FOR
PUBLIC MORALS.

KNIFE IN THE PRESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

The House of Commons, by 222 votes to 3, has passed the second reading of the "Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports)" Bill.

This is a private measure, which the Government has supported, to forbid the publication of details calculated to injure the public morals. Only the salient particulars of divorce and similar proceedings will be permitted in newspaper reports.

The penalty for contravention of the law will be imprisonment not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding £500 or, both imprisonment and fine.

FRENCH DEBT.

DISCUSSION WITH CHANCELLOR
DEFERRED.

REQUEST FROM PARIS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 16.

It was anticipated that Monsieur Peret, French Finance Minister, would visit London this week-end to discuss with the Chancellor of the Exchequer the points outstanding in the French debt settlement to Great Britain. The Chancellor, who is to make his annual Budget speech in Parliament on April 25, desired to be in a position to incorporate in this statement specific reference to this settlement.

Unfortunately, a further deferment of the conversations has now been requested from Paris.

1,500 YEARS OLD.

Vienna, April 9.

Special festivities in celebration of the fifteen hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city were begun to-day. "China Press."

RUBBER RESEARCH.

PLEA FOR EXTENSION TO
MALAYA.

EMPIRE SILK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 16.

In an address to the Society of Arts describing the work of the Imperial Institute, Sir William Furse emphasised the desirability of extending the scope of the Ceylon Rubber Research Committee at least to Malaya.

He thought that silk production could also advantageously be extended to several suitable parts of the Empire.

NAVAL BASES.

CONGRESS ASKED TO VOTE
\$20,000,000.

(British Wireless Service.)

Washington, April 16.

Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, has asked Congress to appropriate nearly \$20,000,000 to construct and improve naval bases, a half of which is destined for Pearl Harbour and Hawaii.

JAPAN'S SCANDALS.

CHARGES AGAINST TWO
GENERALS.

Tokyo, April 7.

In connection with the military secret-money scandal, charges brought against General Tanaka and General Yamashita, two new witnesses were summoned this morning to the Court by the local Public Prosecutors' Office, and are now being examined. Gendarmerie are now very active collecting evidence. It is likely that Captain Yamashita, who has exposed persons alleged to be involved in secret transportation abroad of gold bullion which was kept in custody by the army, also will be examined by the Prosecutors' Office.

WORDS TO ACTIONS.

CHINESE AND FOREIGN
CO-OPERATION.

It is very gratifying to note, so soon after the historic banquet given by the Shanghai Municipal Council to leading representatives of the Chinese community at which it was so vividly expressed that not only words but acts of goodwill and friendship were expected at such a time as this, that the cornerstone of the foundation of this great edifice of mutual co-operation and friendship between Chinese and foreigners is now being animatedly discussed.

A merger of bankers' associations is being planned at present by the Chinese and Foreign Bankers' Associations. The vital importance of consolidating the good relations between the foreign and Chinese members of Shanghai's financial world was the special theme of a leading article in the "China Press" on March 7, entitled "Bankers and Diplomats." It was emphasised in this article that the establishment of goodwill and friendly co-operation between these two vital elements of the local financial world would not only beneficially reflect on business but undoubtedly would be of incalculable service in the improvement of Sino-foreign relations and the spirit of goodwill and pacification so essentially needed at the present moment in China.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that the unrest and regrettable animosity hitherto prevailing in China between foreigners and Chinese could in no sense be attributed to the sentiments, ideas or intentions of the respectable Chinese members of the financial world; as undoubtedly many of the remarkable Chinese bankers are also no less remarkable diplomats, and with the breadth of vision and sense of responsibility which they carry in themselves, they have easily seen that the ill-will between foreigners and Chinese is fostered by the enemies of Chinese prosperity and culture.

It is therefore hoped, says the "China Press" (Shanghai) that if an effort is made by foreign bankers for sincere rapprochement, this important and highly necessary step will undoubtedly lead to the effective solution of the great task in the Sino-foreign cause.

GERMAN EDUCATORS.

London, April 9.

For the first time since the war, German delegates participated in the International Teachers' Organisation meeting here. "China Press."

POLAR RACE.

NORGE'S EXPERIENCE IN THE
FOG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Leningrad, April 16.

The "Norge" landed in darkness assisted by searchlights. Three hundred soldiers of the Red Army towed the dirigible to the hangar.

Representatives of the Soviet Government, and the Academy of Science and foreign Consuls, delegates of various bodies, and a crowd of peasants had awaited its arrival since the early morning, while a squadron of Soviet aeroplanes had ceaselessly patrolled the horizon, and the anxiety was increased by failure to establish wireless communication, owing to unfavourable meteorological conditions. Aeroplots explained that the delay was due to losing their bearings in the fog.

Land Greed.

Moscow, April 16.

The Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Government have issued a decree declaring to be Soviet territory all lands and islands hitherto discovered and discovered in the future in the region situated in the North Arctic Ocean along the north coast of Russia to the North Pole, except those at present recognised by the Soviet as part of the territory of any other country.

FALLING FRANC.

UNEASINESS CAUSED IN
FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 16.

The fresh fall of the franc, in spite of the apparent improvement in the financial situation, is causing uneasiness, and is attributed to the sales of French francs abroad, especially in Belgium and Italy, for the maintenance of their own currencies, and also in Holland for unknown reasons.

False reports in regard to the demonstration of the Civil Servants in Paris circulated in Central Europe are also blamed.

A CANARD.

AMERICAN CUTTER ABSOLVED
OF CHARGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 16.

The Treasury Department have found the charge that the cutter Seneca fired on the schooner Eastwood to be without foundation.

Officials stated that they had information that for over a year the Eastwood, hovered off the coast, obviously intending to land liquor in the United States.

MUSSOLINI'S TRIP.

REVIEW OF TROOPS IN
TRIPOLI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tripoli, April 16.

Signor Mussolini embarked on the battleship "Cavour" for home, after attending, with the Duke of Apulia, the opening of the Colonial Agricultural Congress, and lunching with the officers of the garrison, reviewing the Eritrean troops and visiting the Jewish quarter.

COSTLY BIBLE.

UNEXPECTED GIFT FOR YALE
UNIVERSITY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New Haven, April 16.

Through a gift from Mrs. Harkness, Yale University have acquired the Melk copy of the Gutenberg Bible, which was recently auctioned for \$106,000.

MANILA FLIGHT.

TWO SPANISH "ACES" AT
AGRA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, April 16.

Two of the Spanish airmen have arrived at Agra.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 17—Queen's Theatre: "The Last Laugh."

April 17—Star Theatre: "The Blind Bargain."

April 17—World Theatre: "The Marriage Market."

April 18—19—"The French Doll," La Dorina, premiere danseuse, will appear at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m. performances.

April 23—Theatre Royal: a vocal and instrumental concert under the auspices of the St. George's Society 9.15 p.m.

May 7—Smoking Concert at Volunteer Headquarters and distribution of prizes won at recent Corps Rifle Meeting 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

April 17—Shield finals, Junior and Senior Divisions, H.K.F.C. Ground.

April 17—Volunteer Cricket at University ground, 2.15 p.m.

April 21—Soldiers' Club Billiards Cup match, at Soldiers' Club, 9 p.m.

April 21—Fifth bi-annual ship's lifeboat race for the "Trevesa" Trophy, 4 p.m.

April 24—Final round in "Sunday Herald" Cup, between Portugal and England, on H.K.F.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.

April 24—Annual athletic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Auction.

April 21—Auction of household furniture at No. 10 Eastern House (top floor) Hart Avenue, Kowloon, by Lamert Bros. 2.45 p.m.

Company Meetings.

April 22—Forty-eighth meeting of shareholders of China Sugar Refining Co., in the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon.

April 22—Second meeting of the Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, Powell's Building, 2nd floor, 3 p.m.

April 24—Fourth meeting of shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Royal Building, Ice House Street, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

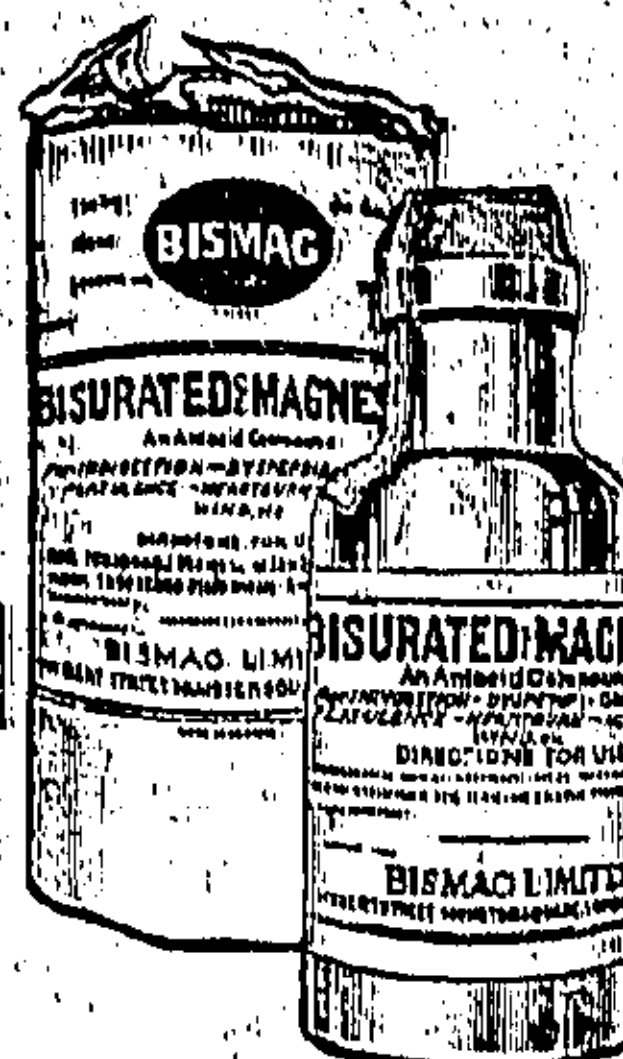
April 17—Exhibition of Japanese fine art at Messrs. Komor & Komor, for ten days.

April 19—Meeting of unit representatives for Athletic Sports Meeting in lecture hall at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

April 21—Meeting to arrange Garrison Tennis League, Wellington Barracks, noon.

April 26—Meeting of Peak Residents at the Peak Club, 6 p.m.

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	{ IN DAYS OF OLD	DUET

"MERCENARY MARY"

3897	{ I AM THINKING OF YOU	DUET
	{ HONEY I'M IN LOVE	"
3899	{ MERCENARY MARY	SOLO AND CHORUS
	{ TIE A STRING	SOLO
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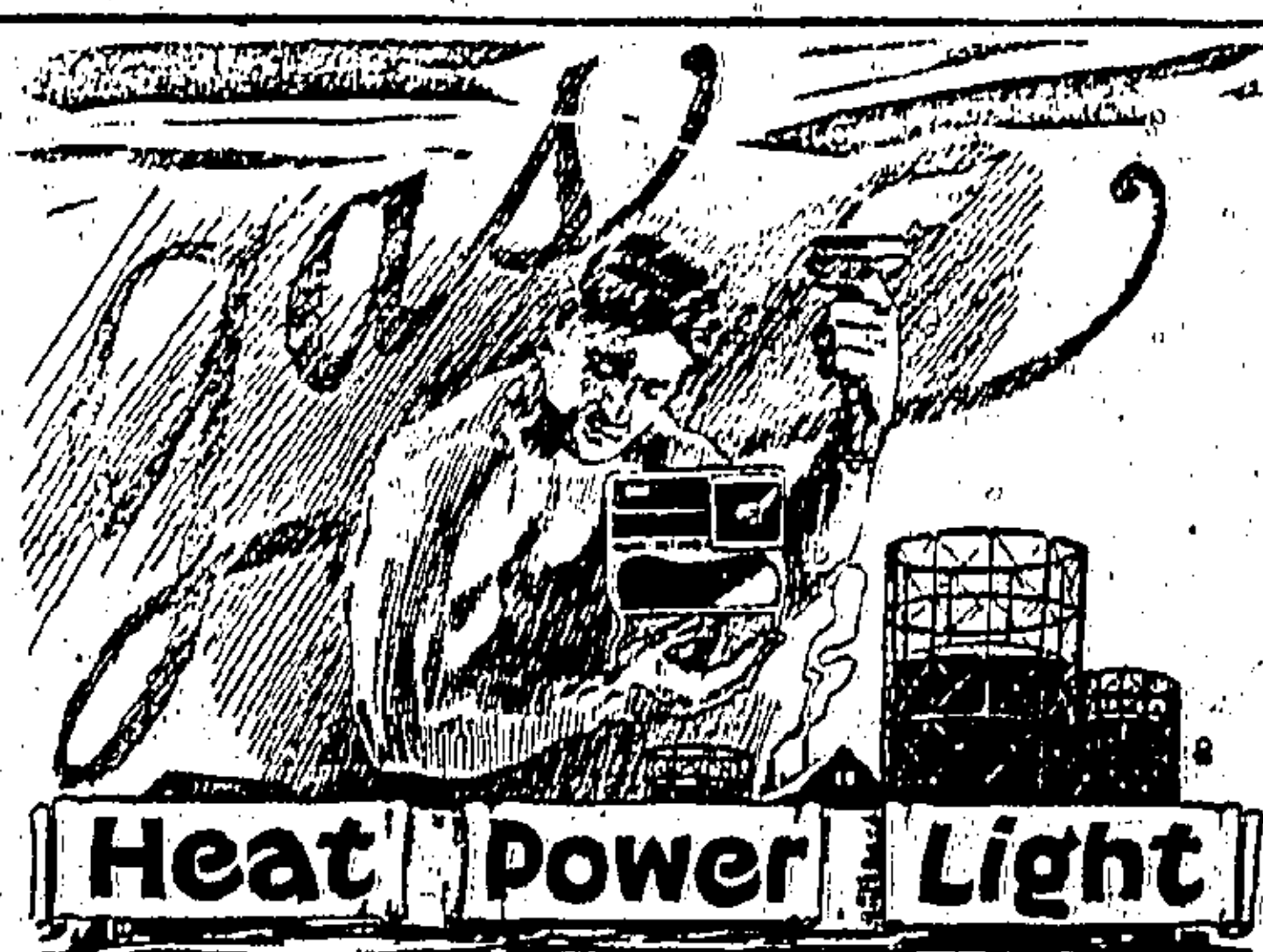
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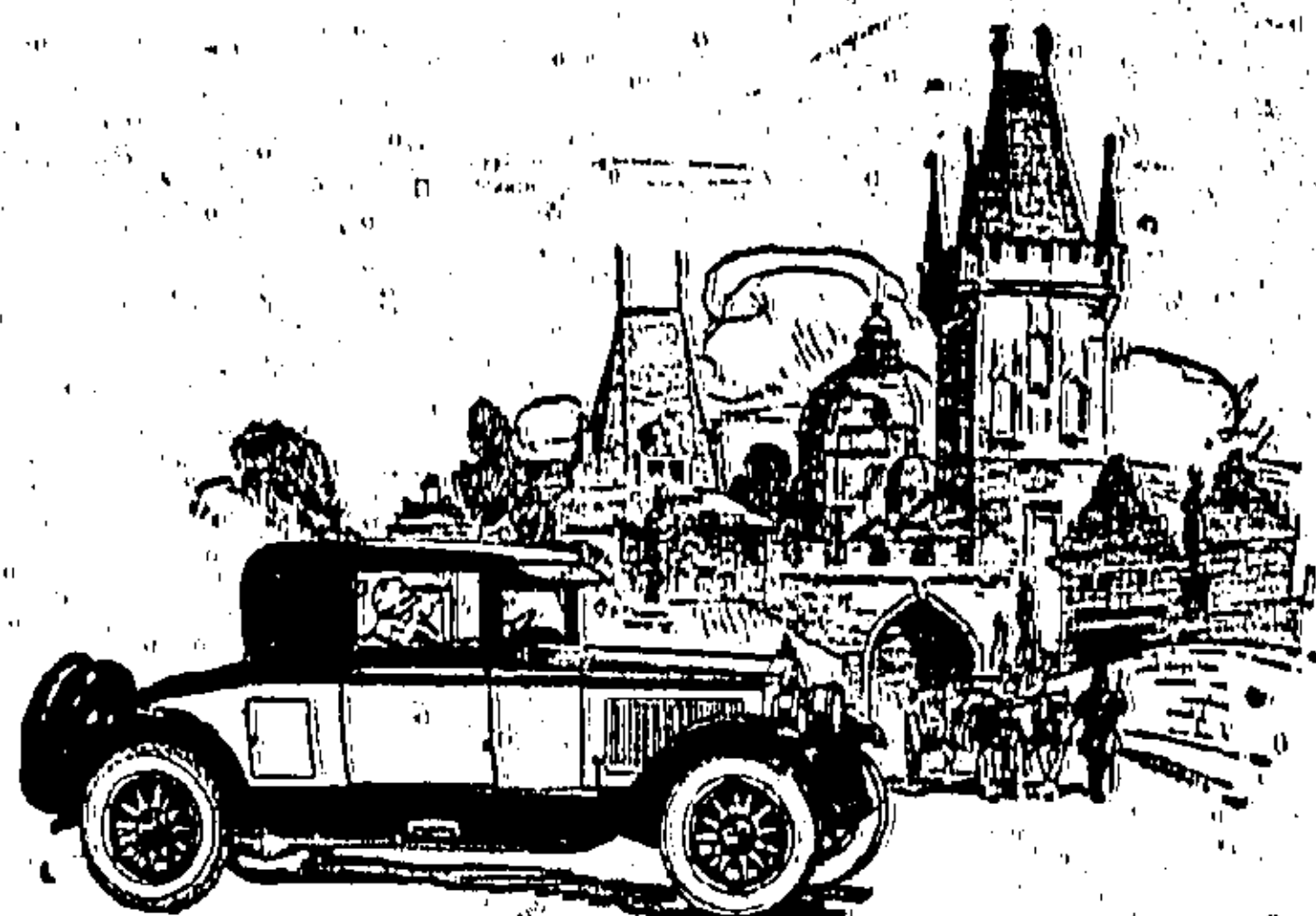
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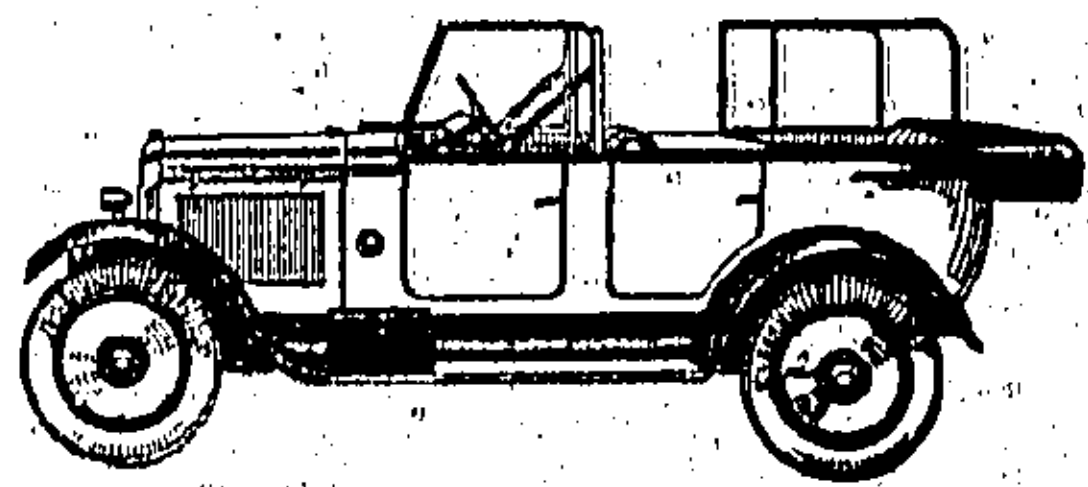
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A chicken hatched in a brood at Sheerness had four legs and was killed by the mother hen.

A Chinese merchant at Tachienlu gave the inmates of the prison there several rupees each as a New Year gift.

A statement made that the projected expedition to Mount Everest next autumn has been abandoned, is premature, a no official decision having yet been made.

Dame Louise B. Aldrich-Blake, of Nottingham Place, Marylebone, W., the first woman to obtain the degree of Master in Surgery, for some years Dean of the London School of Medicine for Women, left £38,356.

A Chinese giant, eight feet seven inches tall, but, according to the Japanese papers, weighing only 280 pounds, which seems hardly enough, reached Yokohama on Monday aboard the "President Lincoln" on his way to America, whether he is bound for movie fame. He is reputed to be the tallest man in China.

To build a new theatre in place of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon, destroyed by fire, will require a sum of £100,000, to wards which several hundred pounds have already been promised. It is said that a fund for the purpose will probably be opened soon.

Twenty-six public bath-houses have been built by the Vienna city government since the war which, with the three already existing, can take care of upwards of 80,000 people at one time. About 100,000 persons daily avail themselves of these facilities at a cost to each of the equivalent of 5 cents. This includes soap and towels.

Four thousand Lutherans will be brought to Canada during 1926 and settled on farms in the western provinces through the agency of the Lutheran Immigration Board. A representative of the board will be despatched immediately to Europe, and will have his headquarters in Hamburg. The immigrants will come principally from the European countries where there are Lutheran minorities, including Poland, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania.

"I was told I should have to go in a raffle with 8,000 others," said a man in search of a flat, at Clerkwell County Court.

A new 5 centavo stamp has been issued by Argentina to commemorate the centenary of the first President of the Republic, Bernardino Rivadavia, whose portrait is reproduced.

Apples (wine saps) from Idaho, U.S.A., on sale at Trowbridge, have been found to contain 1-25th of a grain of arsenic per pound. A local fruiterer was fined 14s. 6d. for selling the apples. "We have now stopped selling All American apples," he said.

The following schoolboy howler is quoted from the "Manchester Guardian." It seems to be a peculiarly interesting version of the last two lines of "Lord Ullin's Daughter":—"The waters wild went o'er his child, And he was left fermenting."

A motion picture play was shown recently in a passenger aeroplane while it flew across Berlin. The accompanying music was sent by radio, and afterward the passengers were able to express their thanks back to earth by wireless telephone—four of the most remarkable inventions perfected in the twentieth century all in a nutshell.

Mr. Mackenzie King announced some time ago that Baron Byng of Vinny would not remain as Governor-General of Canada beyond the term for which he was appointed. He had been informed by His Excellency, said the Premier, "that nothing short of quite exceptional public need" would permit him to consider remaining in Canada. Baron Byng's term expires next August.

Capt. R. H. Mackintosh, an Imperial Airways pilot, created a new record by flying a big 15-seater three-engined Handley Page air liner, which with a full load of passengers and goods weighed six tons, from London to Paris in ninety minutes. The average speed for the 230-mile flight was 154 miles an hour, a record for a big passenger plane of this size. The actual speed record between London and Paris is held by a 4-seater Napier D. H. Express, which four years ago made the flight in 87 min.

Islington had an Empire Shopping Festival from March 18 to March 20.

In 1925 there were 515 suicides in London, compared with 489 in 1924.

Over 12,000 people have signed a petition for the opening of cinemas in Wimbledon on Sundays.

The Mayor of Southend has received £32,500 towards the town's new hospital, which is to cost £100,000.

The world's largest tyres—for the new giant air liners—are being manufactured by Messrs. Dunlop. The tyres will have a diameter of ninety inches and weigh two hundredweight. The tubes, each weighing 38 lbs., will be able to withstand a breaking load of 86 tons.

One of the most spectacular and disastrous fires in Sydney for years destroyed the head store and offices of Messrs. M'Ilrath's Ltd., provision merchants, at the corner of Pitt and Goulburn Streets, on March 9. The destruction of the building and its valuable contents was so complete that the damage will amount, it is estimated, to more than £90,000.

The capital cities of the Empire were associated in a new development in civil aviation on March 30, when Lady Maude Hoare christened five new Handley-Page aeroplanes fitted with twin Napier-Lion engines to supersede the single engined machines hitherto used on the continent with the names of City of London, City of Ottawa, City of Melbourne, City of Victoria and City of New York.

Some relics of early Sydney came to light the other week when an electrician was renewing the electric wires beneath the floor of the old barracks facing King Street, now used as law courts. A quantity of old-fashioned clay pipes and bowls, some containing tobacco, large spoons, forks, and pieces of crockery were uncovered. Many of the pipes were just lying on the earth, while others were buried beneath it. It is considered that these relics are over a century old, and that they were at one time used by the soldiers who occupied the building. The structure was built by Governor Macquarie in 1817.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Margaret H. Kidd, of the Scottish Bar, is the first woman barrister to be briefed to appear at the Bar of the House of Lords.

"With politics as with footloose, patience alone will untie knots," Lord Irwin, Viceroy-Designate of India, when entertained to luncheon by the Royal Colonial Institute at the Hotel Victoria.

Mr. Charles Olive, favourably known as an actor of distinction, leaves for Home on the 22nd inst. Mr. Olive has given impersonations of characters from the works of Dickens and has appeared in such diversified plays as "R.U.R.," "Waterloo" and "A Sister to assist 'Er."

An Englishman is a man who spends all his days in the open-air and who knows only one language—his own. "I humbly said Sir St. Clair Thomson, president of the Royal Society of Medicine, at a lecture in London. "The most inarticulate animals in the world are donkeys, owls, lobsters and Englishmen," he added.

Before he left Tokyo for Hongkong, Mr. George E. Costello, for several years general agent of the Passenger department for the Canadian Pacific in Japan, was host to Communications officials, Railway Department officials, Japan Tourist Bureau attaches and members of the Press, at a dinner given in a private dining room of the Imperial Hotel.

The Slam Observer of March 31 says:—Yesterday we recorded the opening of the handsome business premises of the Borneo Company, Limited, by H. R. H. Prince Chandra-Bhul, Minister of Commerce. To-day Mr. M. T. Cooke-Collis, the manager of the Company, hands over the reins to Mr. A. R. Malcolm, prior to retirement from the country. He leaves on Saturday for Singapore by the Valaya, and will sail from the Southern Settlement towards the middle of April for Home. To-day he severs his active association with the Borneo Company after twenty-five years' service. During the whole of that time, he has been stationed in Bangkok, with the exception of a few months at Sriracha.

The eight-hour day is to be gradually reintroduced for members of the British civil service, who now work only seven.

In anticipation of an interesting event towards the end of April, an up-to-date nursery is being installed at 40, Grosvenor-square, which for a time is to be the town house of the Duke and Duchess of York.

A correspondent writes to the "Straits Echo":—"A well-known local Chinese millionaire, it is rumoured, had some time ago about \$2,000,000 to let out on loan, but there was no one ready to take up this money or part of it even at the low interest of 4 per cent. He finally decided to invest \$1,500,000 in Government Bonds, carrying interest at 5 per cent.

Penang is now represented by two lawyers in the Legislative Council, and local mercantile interests have no spokesman directly connected with trade or shipping, says the "Straits Echo." But that is the fault of the Chamber of Commerce, which preferred to send a member of the legal fraternity rather than a merchant to represent it in Singapore.

The surviving members of the Russian Imperial Family have decided to fight in the Courts the attempt at the sale of the Russian Crown Jewels, valued at £50,000,000, by the Bolsheviks. They are sending a lawyer to New York to arrange for the seizure of the jewels if they appear in the American market, and are also ready for an action in the French or other Courts against the Soviet.

Benito Mussolini, Fascist leader and Premier of Italy, is revealed as the owner of an heroic sized bust of himself displayed in the Grand Central Galleries in an exhibition sponsored by the Italian Government. The statue is 10 times normal size, and on the dictator's brow is carved a wreath of a Roman emperor. The bust was packed and sent to Boston for display following the close of the exhibition. Later it will be shown in other cities.

The Prince of Wales is nothing if not democratic. Recently he mingled with the "down-and-outs" at the East End Labour Exchange in London, and talked sympathetically with the unemployed. Apparently the Prince appreciates a fact, not yet generally understood, that a man, though lowly, is not necessarily low.

Private Robert Yeates, a survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade, in which he was wounded in the leg, and lay bleeding all night beside his dead horse, died on March 25 in Belfast Workhouse, aged 103. Until his death he vainly fought the War Office who had stopped his pension of 1s. 3d. a day when his Army papers were destroyed in a fire in 1900.

Celebrating his night off, John McDady, a Chicago traffic policeman, dined on oysters. Suddenly he booted from the restaurant. Waiters thought he had gone to call the wagon, swear out warrants, or something. But, he came back shortly, smiling gleefully. A jeweller had just told him the pearl he found in the oysters was worth \$200. He ordered another dozen, raw.

A large audience assembled at Moscow to hear Professor Vsevolod describe the life and work of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks dissented vigorously when the professor described their art as bourgeois and unsuited to Russia. It is rumoured that Mary Pickford and Mr. Fairbanks intend to visit Russia this summer, and their films are among the most popular shown in Moscow.

The remarkable growth in the temperance movement in Great Britain is called attention to in the press by Lord Asquith, lately chief industrial commissioner. At the commencement of the present century Lord Asquith says the annual drink convictions in England and Wales exceeded 200,000. In 1910 they had fallen to 162,000; in 1920 to 96,000; in 1924 to 79,000. He adds the expectation that when the official figures for 1925 appear they will show "another feather in the cap of sobriety."

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GOLF FINAL.

ABE MITCHELL v. GEORGE DUNCAN.

"FORM AUGERS WELL."

(Renter's Service.)

London, April 16.
At Roshampton, in the professional golf tournament, ABE MITCHELL beat GEORGE DUNCAN by 3 up and 2 to play.
The majority of notable professionals Mitchell was always brilliant. As the potential winner he went out "over nine holes" in form. Duncan was nevertheless a good and hard player. His typical first-works when beating Robertson of West Lancashire by 6 and 4 in the semi-final, in which Mitchell, who beat W. Smith (Bradley Woods) by 4 and 3, was not so spectacular but superb.



Abe Mitchell, one of the best, if not the best, of British golf professionals.

BILLIARD RULES.

"RED" BALL PLAY TO BE LIMITED?

HOME EXPERIMENT.

The tendency of so many modern billiard players to concentrate on the red-ball game is causing a revival of the question among followers of the game in England as to the advisability of placing a limitation on the number of consecutive strokes of this type. There is a strong feeling that the time has arrived to take such action. As the game is primarily meant to be played with three balls, there appear to be strong reasons why some such restriction should be adopted.

From time to time it has been considered necessary for the laws of the game to be amended to correct any desire to specialise on any particular kind of stroke. The spot stroke was barred many years ago and the anchor cannon was made illegal while consecutive ball to ball runs were limited to 26, a cushion having then to be played before the sequence could be continued.

An experiment will be tried later this season of restricting the losing and winning hazards in a similar way. This will mean that a player will be compelled to make a different sort of stroke in order to continue his break. It is expected that this will place a far greater value on the retention of the white object ball. The lesson of the experiment, it is believed, may guide the governing billiard body in its consideration of the advisability of making a change in the rules.

CHAMPION JUMPER.



Photo by A. Fong.

S. O. Shahabudin, the champion athlete of the University, and holder of the Colony's records for the high jump and long jump. He left the Colony earlier in the month and will be greatly missed in the field of sport.

ROMANTIC CAREER.

FAMOUS SERGEANT MURPHY NOW DEAD.

ONCE TOO OFTEN?

(Renter's Service.)

London, April 16.
The long and romantic career of the veteran steeple-chaser, Sergeant Murphy, was tragically ended at Bogside, Leinster, to-day when he skidded in the West of Scotland Chase.
He broke his hind leg and had to be destroyed.

LOCAL RUGGER.

H.K.R.F.C. OPENING MATCH TO-DAY.

For the match with the local Army XV to-day, the Hongkong Rugby Football Club team will be—

H. J. Armstrong; E. C. Hudson; L. P. Ralph; J. Morrison; G. P. Lammert; L. M. Wales; B. S. Stephenson; R. Miller; W. L. Smith; M. L. Garrard; W. Beveridge; J. Pym; L. R. Billingham; R. A. Jardine; R. MacIntyre.

[This team has been described, also, as the "A" team of the Volunteers.]

The Army team has been chosen as—
Major Macready; Lt. Studden; Lt. Taylor; G. M. S. Rose; Lt. Jacob-Larkcom; Lt. Aucott; Captain Howard; Lt. Gould; Lt. Johnstone; Captain Drake-Brockman; 2nd Lt. Coates; 2nd Lt. Turner; 2nd Lt. Finch; Whyte; 2nd Lt. Campbell; 2nd Lt. Jackson.

Hitherto civilian ruggerites played as the rugby section of the Hongkong Football Club. Now that the ground at Gascogne Road has been secured, the Hongkong Rugby Football Club has actually come to pass.

Mr. G. P. Lammert is captain and Mr. A. C. I. Bowker the hon. secretary.

At the I.R.C. Easter race meeting at Kiangwan, Old Bill (ridden by Mr. Bremner) won the Kiangwan Grand National Steeplechase.

GARRISON SPORT.

ROWING, BILLIARDS, AND TENNIS.

Entries for the Brown Rowing Cup must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary, Garrison Recreation Club, Wellington Barracks, by 12 noon on Monday.

In the Soldiers' Club Billiards Cup, a match of 400 up will take place at the Soldiers' Club at 9 p.m. on Wednesday next, 21st instant.

After the match H.B. the G.O.C. has kindly consented to present the prizes to the winners and runners-up of the above competition, also Army badges to the Army Football players for 1925-26.

A meeting to arrange the Garrison Tennis League will be held at Wellington Barracks at 12 noon on Wednesday. Units are requested to detail a representative to attend.

V.R.C. SPORTS.

WAITING FOR LATER ENTRIES?

Entries for the V.R.C. annual athletic sports closed at 6 p.m. yesterday but the hon. secretary, Mr. R. C. Wichey, has received a request for an extension of time.

Ample notice has been given. As the number in hand is small, it is thought that the request will be conceded.

The sports are down to take place next Saturday.

The Marathon has drawn 13 entries (against 14 the year before). The next highest is 10 in the quarter-mile championship. No other event has secured a double-figure entry and the 120 yards hurdles will be a walk-over for the one man entered, if nobody else comes forward.

Ladies' events drew entries with figures for last year in parenthesis as follows:—
100 yards, handicap, girls of 6-10 — 2 (2).
100 yards, handicap, girls of 10-15 — 2 (4).
1 mile bicycle handicap, ladies — 1 (1).

At the I.R.C. Easter race meeting at Kiangwan, Old Bill (ridden by Mr. Bremner) won the Kiangwan Grand National Steeplechase.

495 BREAK.

CLAUDE FAULKNER IN SHANGHAI.

BILLIARDS EXHIBITION.

Shanghai, April 11.
Mr. Claude Faulkner, the English billiards expert, gave a wonderful exhibition against Mr. R. C. K. Johnson, the Shanghai champion, at the Town Hall last evening. He played 800 up, and went out in just five visits, his scores being: 0, 183, 3, 125, 274, and 495.

The last break, 495, was something quite beyond anything ever seen here. It took him well over the 800 of course, but the continuous run, made with very few pauses or hesitation, was a really remarkable exhibition, and did not fail to call out keen appreciation from the crowd which was present.

Mr. Johnson, the local champion, scored just 14.
Faulkner's average for the game, counting the last break, was 180, a little higher than we usually go in Shanghai, observes the "China Press."

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LTD. LAST YEAR.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

For presentation to the annual meeting, the report of China Underwriters, Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1925, reads:—

Profit and Loss Account.—The Profit and Loss Account after placing \$88,494.71 to reserve to meet unexpired marine risks, \$12,411.03 to meet unexpired fire risks and \$1,329.00 to meet unexpired accident risks, shows a debit balance of \$26,064.26.

Life Assurance Business.—Life assurance applications received during the year amounted to \$2,917,961. Life policies were issued for \$2,745,397 at annual premiums of \$156,544 and applications for \$138,083 were declined. The remainder was postponed or in course of consideration at the end of the year. The life premium income after deduction of re-insurances amounted to \$133,923.21.

The sum of \$94,992.50 was transferred to Establishment of Life Business Account which amounted to \$129,576.10 at December 31, 1925. Agencies have been established at Shanghai, Tientsin, Macao, Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States, Ceylon and Burma.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Consulting Committee retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Ringham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Selby and Fleming Incorporated Accountants, who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors' report is as follows:—"We beg to report that we have audited the Accounts of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and that in our opinion the foregoing General Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at December 31, 1925, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company. We have further to report that we have verified the whole investment of the Company as at December 31, 1925, either by the production to us of the Security Deeds, Certificates or other evidence representing the investments. No part of any fund has been applied, directly or indirectly, for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable."

At one London night club there are glass-topped tables lit from beneath with pink lights, which diffuse a soft glow on patrons' faces. So, even if a reveler pales when a guinea is charged for a deviled kipper, nobody notices it.

Lieut.-Col. Lawrence Moore Cosgrave, D.S.O., Canadian Government Trade Commissioner to China and Hongkong, is on a visit to Hongkong with a view to making a survey of the trade situation and the future prospects of promoting commercial relations between South China and Canada. It was at the Wembley Exhibition, at which he was in charge of the Canadian section, that Col. Cosgrave first gained an insight into the trade possibilities of China.

For the past year and a half he has been busy establishing his headquarters in Shanghai with a view to "keeping the Canadian Government manufacturers and exporters in touch with every phase of the commercial developments throughout China."

A corrected copy of the register of Medical and Surgical practitioners is published in the "Government Gazette."

MAD DOG CHASE.

EUROPEANS ATTACKED IN KOWLOON.

TWO HOUSES VISITED.

To all appearances mad, an unknown black chow dog literally ran amok in Kowloon yesterday, attacking European residents who had narrow escapes, and was ultimately destroyed by the Police after a chase.

It was during the fifth hour when the Water Police Station at Kowloon was summoned for assistance. Major Hogg, R.A.V.C., Mrs. Hogg and Captain Morris, I.A.S.C., live at No. 57, Granville Road. Out of five dogs in that house, a bull terrier (owned by the Captain) and a cocker spaniel (owned by the Major) were bitten.

At No. 5, Lyceum Villas, where live Mr. J. S. Willes and his son, two brown terriers were also bitten by the chow.

The residents and their servants had escaped. At Chatham Road, Sergeant Smith, who was passing in a car, shot the dog dead. Sgt. J. Jessop, from the station, arrived very shortly afterwards.

The four bitten dogs were treated and then sent to Kennedy Town for observation. The carcass of the chow will be examined by the bacteriologist.

Caine Road Case.—A white terrier bitch, apparently rabid, has been sent to Kennedy Town. She was found in Caine Road.

UNCLAIMED!

MINIATURE "WINDFALLS" FOR TREASURY.

SIX-YEAR-OLD DEPOSITS.

Under the Unclaimed Balances Ordinance the Governor has ordered that the following unclaimed sums in the Treasury be transferred to the General Revenue of the Colony, subject to refund if claimed after such transfer:—

\$5 paid on January 19, 1920, by one Man-Yau-kai being a deposit in respect of purchase of Crown Land at Demarcation District No. 302 next to Lot No. 168, Southern District, New Territories.

\$10 paid on January 21, 1920, by one Lo In being a deposit in respect of purchase of Crown Land at Tai O, Demarcation District No. 302, Southern District, New Territories.

\$64 paid on October 23, 1920, by Chan Yee-cheung of Ts'un Wan in connection with Chan Ping Wai case.

\$3 paid on October 29, 1920, by one Chi Fong-in, being a deposit in respect of purchase of Crown Land at Shek Pik Demarcation District No. 315, Southern District, New Territories.

Any claimant to the above moneys may present a petition to the half to the Supreme Court against the Attorney General as respondent thereto.

Any claimant who has a moral claim may present petition in writing to the Governor-in-Council praying for payment of any such sums and any order made by the Governor-in-Council thereon shall be a bar to the extent of any payment made under such order to any subsequent claim against the Crown to the same sum.

THREE MISSING.

FATE OF CREW OF A LOCAL JUNK.

SURVIVOR'S STORY.

Three of the crew of a local junk have yet to be accounted for, now that it has been definitely established that the boat has sunk.

Several days ago, it was reported that four junks, towed by launch, left Shaikwan for Bias Bay. They cut adrift on meeting rough weather, and one was posted as missing.

One of the crew has now returned. He says that his boat was heavily laden. Out at sea, it became waterlogged and sank. With a fok, he clung to a basket for two hours, till they were rescued by a small boat and taken to a place where the other three junks were anchored. He does not know what became of the master and two other fokis who were on board.

PREMIERE DANSEUSE.

La Dorina, the famous premiere danseuse of Folie Bergere, Paris, is to appear at the Queen's Theatre at the 5.15 and 9.15 performances on Sunday and Monday.

She is on her way to America. Theatre goers may look forward to something above the ordinary when she comes on view to "keeping the Canadian Government manufacturers and exporters in touch with every phase of the commercial developments throughout China."

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 17, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Rate, as published in Share & Real Estate.
T.T. on London	2/2 1/2	2/2 1/2	2/2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	76 1/2	76 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1070 b. 1070	1080 b. & sa.	\$108 1/2 s.
do. London	£125 n. 1080	—	£125 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 1/2 n.	£21 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30 n.	£30 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/2 b.	£13 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£6 1/2 n.	£6 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	£80 b.	£80 b.	£80 b.
Marine Insurance	625 n.	625 b.	\$625 b.
Canton Insurance	1,90 n.	2 n.	1,90 n.
China Underwriters	7 1/4 n.	7 1/4 n.	—
North China Insurance	283 n.	280 b. 283 s.	\$283 sa.
Union Insurance	39 n.	44 n.	—
Yangtze Insurance	—	—	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	170 b.	170 b.	—
A.K. Fire Insurance	550 b.	550 b.	550 b.
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglases	28 n.	28 n.	28 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	25 1/2 sa.	25 1/2 b.	25 1/2 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 s.	24 b.	24 n.
Indo-China (Pref.) Ltd.	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
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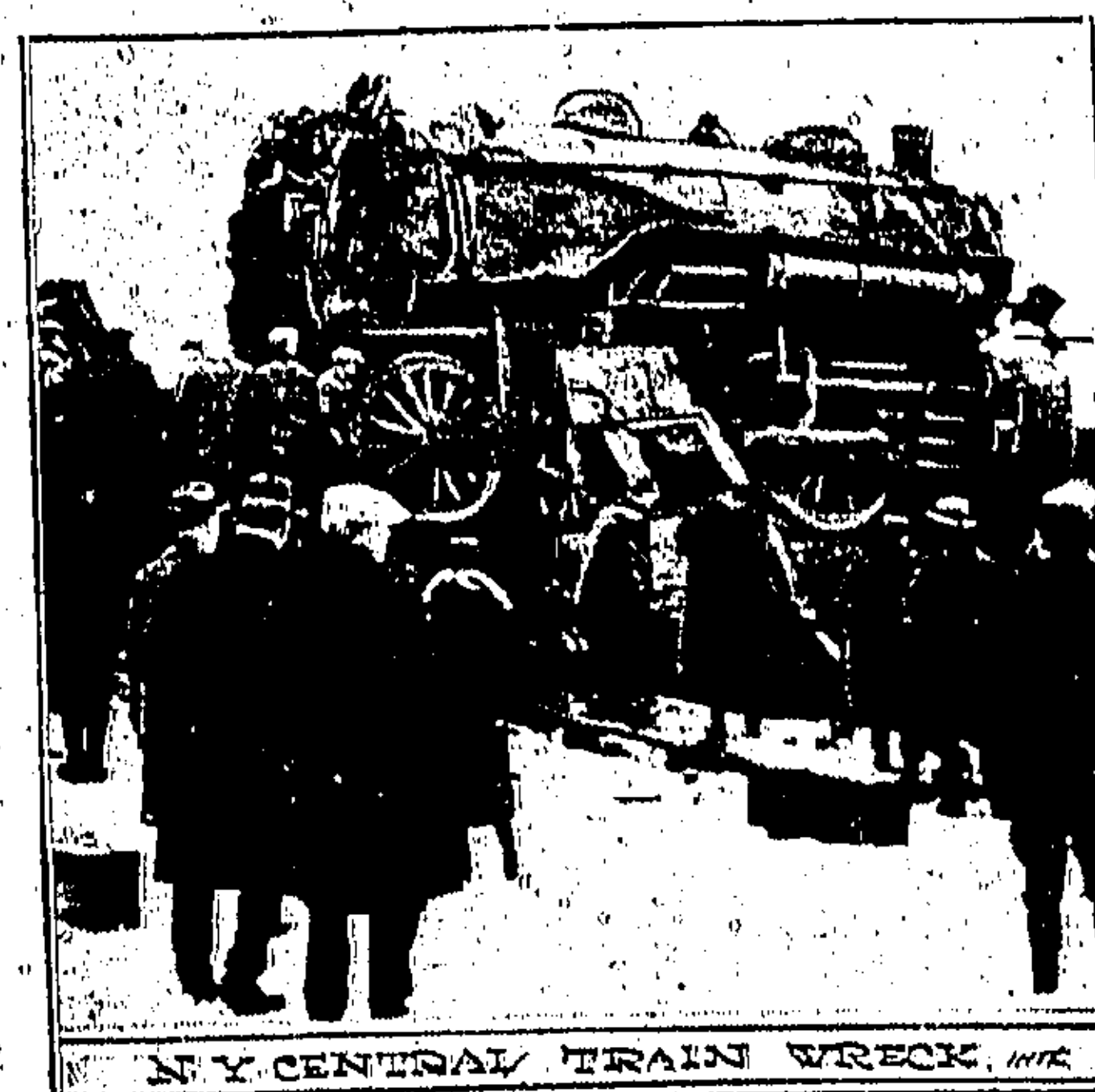
NURSE BALKS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Little Peter Salm, the heir of Count Salm, with detectives "fore and aft" mounted in Palm Beach in the arms of his nurse on the way to his first meeting with his father, who is seeking a separation from the Countess, formerly Miss Millicent Rogers. The nurse balked photographers by spreading her hand over little Peter's face.



MATTHEW McMANUS

State Trooper Matthew McManus, of New Jersey, was severely beaten and his companion, Trooper Charles Ulrich, killed when they attempted to raid a roadhouse. The proprietor of the roadhouse was severely wounded by Ulrich as he lay dying.



N.Y. CENTRAL TRAIN WRECK

An engineer and a fireman were killed and twenty others were injured when a passenger train and freight train collided near Canton, N.Y. The rear of the engine was crushed in a curious manner.



ANTHONY BIMBA

Anthony Bimba, a Brooklyn editor, was charged with violating a law enacted 229 years ago, in a speech in which he is alleged to have uttered blasphemy.



MRS. MARION C. DELL

Mrs. Marion Cleveland Dell, daughter of former President Cleveland, won a divorce from her husband in Paris.



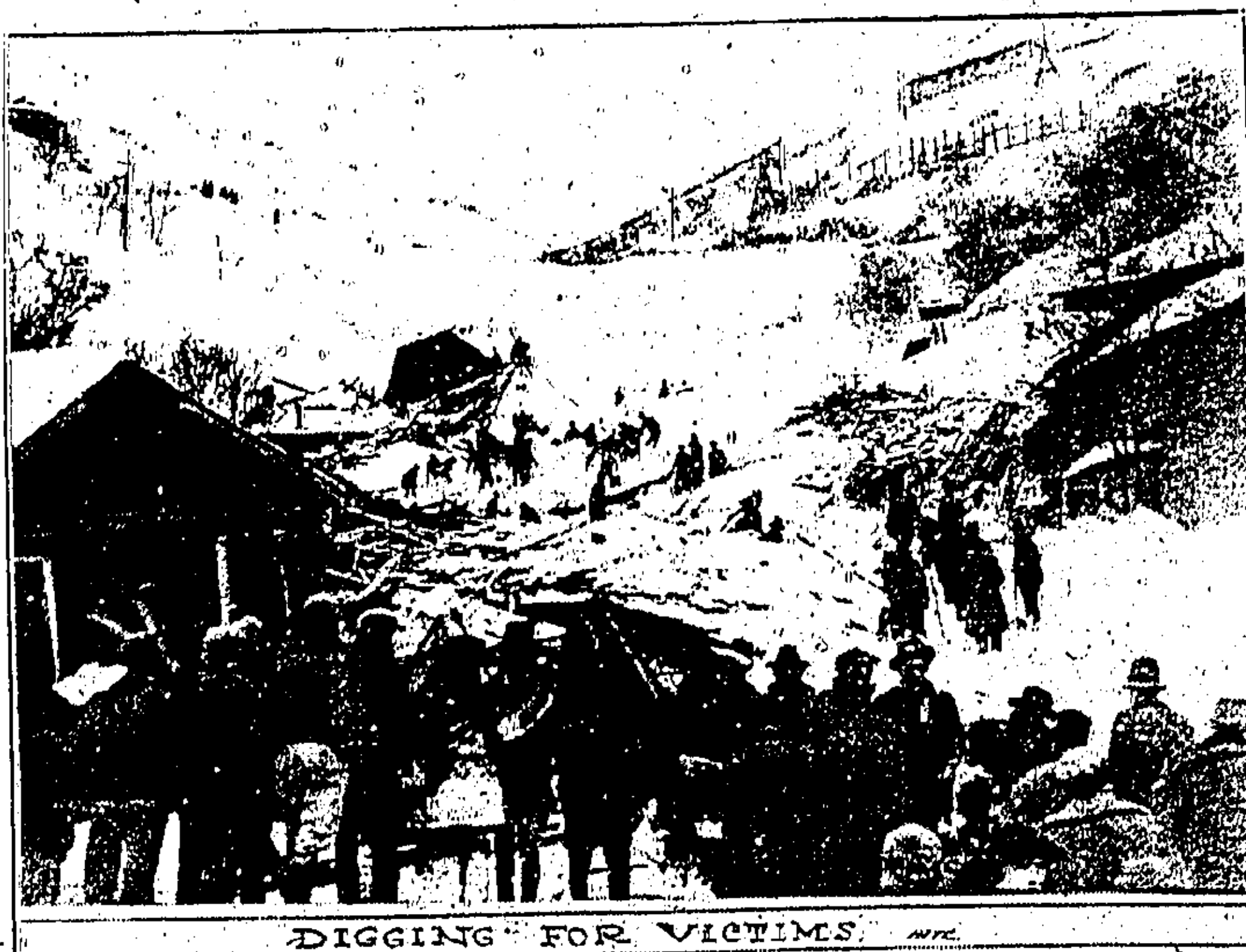
RALPH COURSEY

Ralph Coursey, of Baltimore, denied the charge made by Police that he brutally beat his five-year-old child to death. Mrs. Coursey went to her husband's defense, claiming that she was to blame for the boy's death.



CHARLOTTA MONTEREY

Charlotta Monterey, an actress, sought divorce from Ralph Baydon, the well-known artist.



DIGGING FOR VICTIMS

Approximately seventy-five persons lost their lives when an avalanche, caused by a snow-slide, virtually wiped out the mining town of Bingham in Utah. Picture shows rescuers digging frantically to get out victims of the slide.



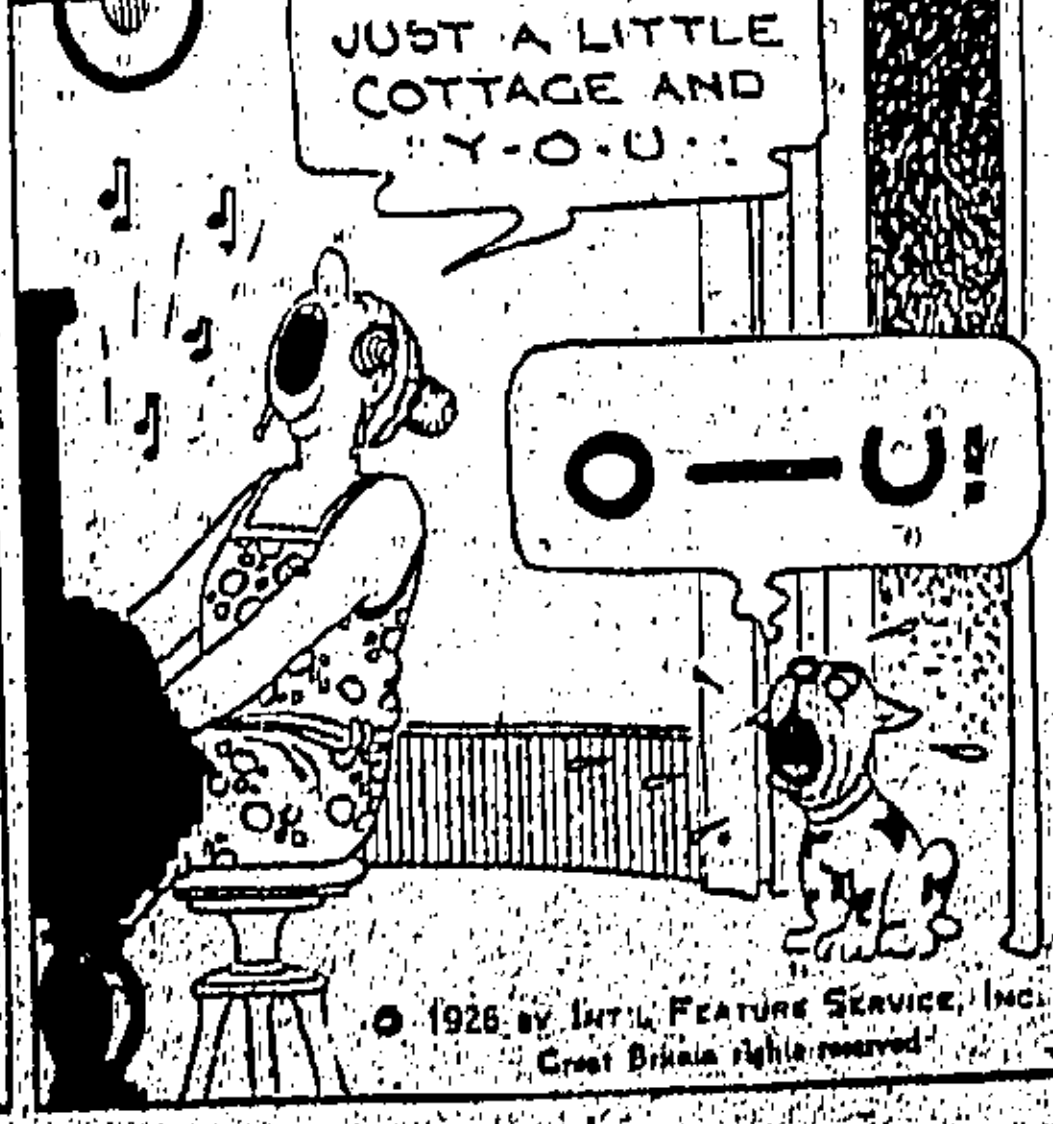
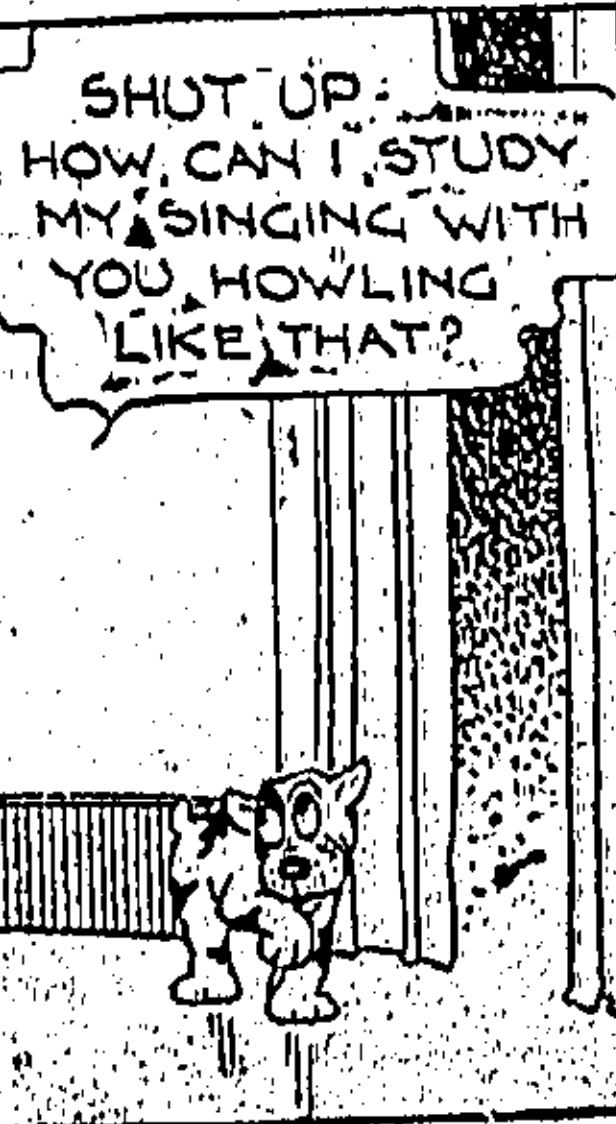
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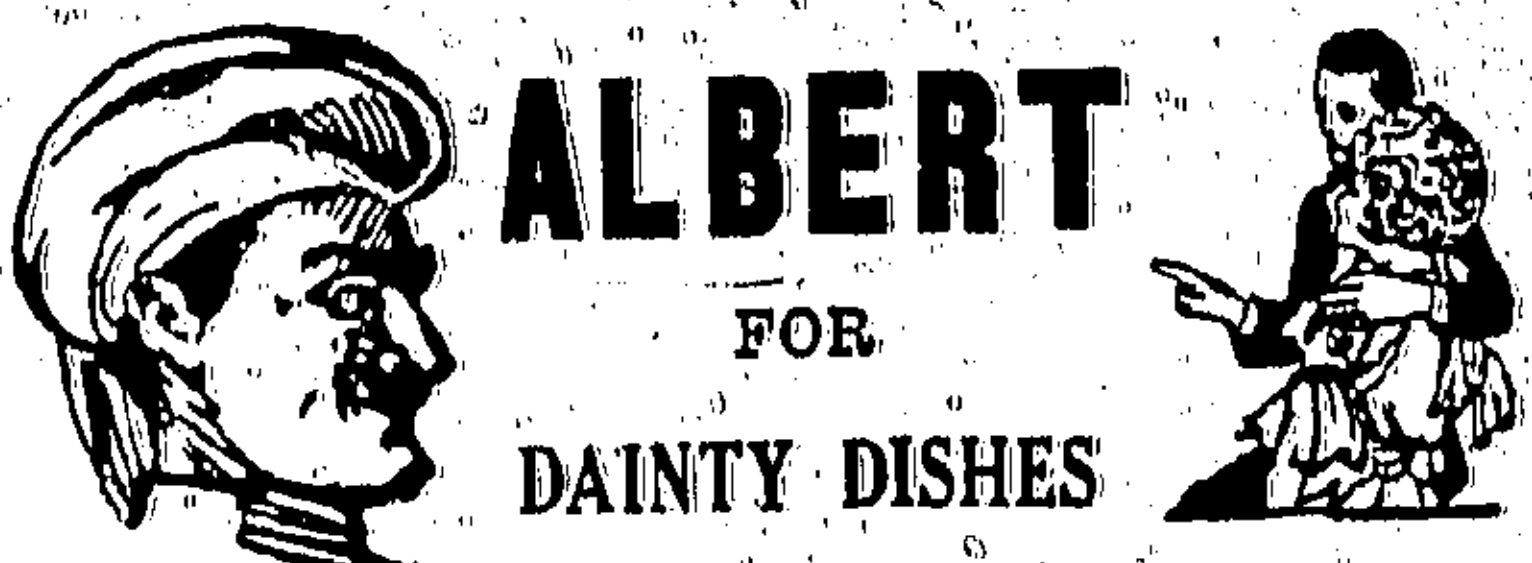
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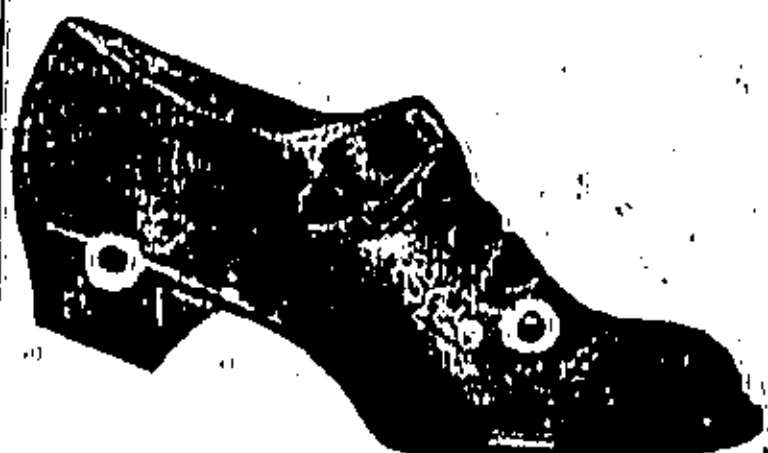
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The deceptive calm of glittering Shanghai with its "faust amidst pestilence," its prosperity and splendour amidst the groaning of the great nation lying torn and bleeding in the agony of civil strife, is powerless to dissipate the anguish that penetrates into the conscience and heart of the mute spectator of the great drama.

The people of China are undergoing the experience, the dreadful trial, which the people of Russia had faced at the time of the downfall of the Empire. Exhausted by tyranny and injustice, that nation rose in a stormy protest against the decadent social and political system which had oppressed the people and throttled its spiritual and economic development.

The great nation of China is now aroused, whether it be by suffering, hunger, hatred or love, but all aflame in one compassionate protest and all craving for a balm to body and soul. But life not being a merry tale, the passionate outburst against the sins of the fathers does not bring at once healing to the sons, and the great nation still finds itself plunged into the drift of struggle between its sound and infected elements, between life and death.

The great country is torn asunder, the people are tortured, and persecuted, towns and villages are reduced to ruin and ashes, and hundreds of thousands of homeless men, women, and children, nearly driven insane by the sea of blood and violence, are wandering all over the deserted fields of the great land of Heaven.

The turmoil and chaos, the sufferings of the innocent are highly dramatic in themselves, but the tragedy of China does not lie in the mere fact of the historic struggle between the conservative and liberal elements so usual in the evolution of mankind.

The tragedy of China, which may reduce the hopeful resurrection of the nation into a despairing agony, is that at this critical and sinister moment, when the nation needs every atom of its spiritual force, and when success or ruin entirely hinges upon the wisdom and sanity of the people to combat the dark foe of the past still fighting with the courage and ferocity of despair, a satanic hand is spreading its perfidious fingers over the throbbing heart of Great China to clutch it in its deadly grip.

The tragedy is the "attempt" at China of the Red Satan, who, to malevolent glee over the pro-

strated body of heroic Russia still fills the heart of mankind with maddening anguish, and who, in the guise of a condoling friend, is stealthily approaching suffering China, and offers to her parched lips a cup of poison calculated to drive the nation into complete insanity so as to make of her another easy prey.

The tragedy of China is that at this historic moment, when the whole nation craves for a supreme effort from all her true sons in order to emerge from the dust of ages, the blossom of her youth sacrifices itself for nothing under the misdirection of the one whose words have no effect where men live united by love and peace. As a culture who flies over miles where death gives it a feast on the flesh of those unfortunates who clash in fratricide, so that insolent foe of civilisation with her God and her pride, the new black prophet of the red culture instantly emerges wherever he scents the incandescence of hatred and rage amongst the hapless sons of the one great father.

The tragedy of China is that the red poison has darkened her mind and the nation has lost the faculty of distinguishing friend from foe and in this momentous calamity, in a blind horror of a Phantom, the great nation runs foul into the accursed arms of the Red Satan.

The tragedy of China is that her "great" men, her political and military leaders, her statesmen and warlords, however patriotic they might be, do not see that, having plunged China into the perilous depths of civil strife, they are leading their country to the brink of impoverishment and devastation, that they are driving the people into despair and starvation, and that they are paving the way for the Red Satan to come and to throw to the hungry mob the call to revolt and that then it would be too late to regret the terrible havoc for which they themselves will be the first to pay with their lives and property to be flung as prey to the enraged multitude.

The tragedy of China is the indifference of the prosperous standing aloof from the great national tragedy in his naive belief that the coming thunderstorm shall not reach him or shall spare him within the safety of his occasional refuge. He does not see, he does not realise, that his greatest love which lies in his wealth, and which he is anxious to preserve at the contemptible cost of indifference to national sufferings, that this his beloved wealth is doomed to become a bait and a prey of the maddened mob whose anger and despair is the mighty weapon of the Red Satan in his fight for dominion over the nation.

The great tragedy is that the youth of China, this blessed dew which heaven sends at the dawn of resurrection is being infected by the red poison most apt to burn to death the precious

BEACH-COMBERS.

INCREASING IN ORIENTAL PORTS.

Mr. Frank Buck, noted American animal trapper and trapper who has just returned to San Francisco after his thirty-ninth trip across the Pacific, declared in an interview which appeared in a San Francisco newspaper that the ports of Asia and Oceania are over-run with "beach-combers," and that he found them everywhere—on the coasts, inland in the cities and even on the borders of the jungle. Mr. Buck declared that there have always been "tramps" who follow the sea just as the "hoboes" follow the railroads on land, but there has been a great increase since the World War.

Recently, the ranks of the regular "floaters" have been added to by innumerable college students who claim that they are "working their way around the world," but in Mr. Buck's opinion (says the "China Press") it is extremely questionable whether many of these young men ever saw the inside of a college and as for "working" their way, he is rather of the opinion that they are simply begging their way around the world.

American organisations in the various Far Eastern ports are becoming "fed up" on raising funds to enable these men to reach home, declared Mr. Buck, and in many cases the organisations are recommending to the local authorities that the penniless travellers be given jail sentences on vagrancy charges and then deported.

efforescence of culture. The tragedy is that this youth which is so earnestly yearning to serve the progress and glory of its motherland does not see that chaos and strife must inevitably lead to the annihilation of the economic resources of the country and that a half-starving nation is powerless to heed anything else but its gnawing pain for daily food and may be easily in the agony of despair and starvation driven back into the darkest wilderness of ages.

The tragedy of China is that she mistook the gory face of the Red Satan for the Rising Sun of Liberty and Light. The tragedy is that, through the red glasses through which the Red Satan wishes to see China to look at the world, the blood of her beloved sons pales into a watery hue, and like water it is spilt all over the beloved land of heaven. The tragedy of China is that through the wild and maddening whisper of the Red Satan, inspiring hatred, violence, and bloodshed, China is growing deaf to the piteous wailing of her people, heeding not and forgetting the words of love and peace.—"China Press."

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THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on **THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1926, at Noon**, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 8th to 22nd April, 1926; both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1926.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Company will be held at their Registered Offices, 2nd Floor, Powell's Building, on **THURSDAY, 22nd April, 1926, at 3 o'clock** in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 15th to the 22nd April, 1926, inclusive.

THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION, PILE DRIVING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hongkong, 15th April, 1926.

EXHIBITION of WATER COLOURS at KOMOR & KOMOR, "Alexandra Building."

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1926.

NOTICES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Undersigned, going home on leave, begs to inform that **MR. LIMAGE** has been appointed local Agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes with effect from the 13th instant.

G. R. MOELLIS, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1926.

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93			3 c/s Water Purification Plant.	4. 2.25	Danniel & Co.
165			1 c/- Chains	19. 5.25	Order
197		215	Furniture	14. 8.25	J. T. Lloyd & Co. Ltd.
201			Trunk & Sample		
232			1 bag Bolts	20.10.25	Holyoak, Massey & Co. Ltd.
232			1 " do	20.10.25	Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.
191			11 kegs Bicarb. Soda	14. 8.25	Brunner Mond & Co. Ltd.
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Hongkong, 16th April, 1926.

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From	Per	Time
EUROPE via Suez, Lotters & Papez London 18th Mar.	Rashgar & Partners 1st Mar.	London 18th Mar.
Strait	Perin	London 18th Mar.
Shanghai	Linao	London 18th Mar.
MONDAY, APRIL 19.		
Strait	Houang	London 18th Mar.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.		
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Express of Asia	London 18th Mar.
THURSDAY, APRIL 22.		
Australia and Manila	Mishima Maru	London 18th Mar.
TUESDAY, APRIL 27.		
Manila	Empress of Asia	London 18th Mar.

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To	Per	Time
Shanghai	Sunling	2.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Kuochow	2.30 p.m.
APRIL 19.		
Shanghai Japan & EUROPE via Siberia		
Letters & Postcards specially super-		
scribed "via Siberia" only		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kashgar	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Haijo Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 19.		
Japan	Campanella	9 p.m.
Amoy	Campanella	9 p.m.
Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
E. & S. Africa, Egypt and		
Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles		
19th May, Pa coals 5 p.m. Registration		
(18th Apr.) 8.45 a.m. Letters		
10.30 a.m.		
TUESDAY, APRIL 20.		
Shanghai	Kalyan	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Lyonon	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Hopang	1.30 p.m.
MANCH	Houang	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21.		
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via		
Thursday Island—due Thursday Is-		
land 8 a.m. Registration 8.45 a.m.		
Letters 9.30 a.m.		
Shanghai	Aki Maru	10.30 a.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 22.		
Manila	Yachiyo	8 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 23.		
Holbow and Hainpang		
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via		
Thursday Island—due Thursday Is-		
land 8 a.m. Pa coals 5 p.m. Regis-		
tration (23rd Apr.) 9.45 a.m. Letters		
10.30 a.m.		
Japan	Olangte	9.30 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 26.		
Japan	Mablin Maru	9.30 a.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 27.		
Japan	Lafang	5 p.m.
Japan	Sutong	10.30 a.m.

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